

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS JOY**

Psalm 16:11; Ecclesiastes 2:6; Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 30:5; Isaiah 29:19; Jeremiah 31:13-14; Habakkuk 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; John 15:11

**BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 16:11**

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**BIG IDEAS**

- True joy is only found in God.
- Joy in the Lord produces joyful obedience.
- Jesus is our model for a joyful life.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15****FOUNDATION: GOD IS**

“God is” means that there is only one god in the universe. He alone is Lord over everything that exists, and He alone is worthy of our worship. This also means that every good thing that exists comes from God. All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of who He is as the one true God. It is a part of His nature and character to be good, and everything that comes from God is good. Thankfully God has not chosen to withhold His goodness from His creation, but instead gives it freely to us.

**SERIES AIMS****Every student should know that...**

- There is only one true God, and He is good.
- We can know God because He has made Himself known.
- God alone is our source of life and joy.

**Every student should feel...**

- Loved by God, and thankful for His love for us.
- Broken over the depth of our sin against God.
- Joy in Jesus, the only Son of God who came to save us.

**Every student should strive to...**

- Memorize the Bible verse each week about who God is.
- Pray that God would open their hearts and minds to know Him more.
- Tell someone else a truth about God each week.

**Every student should ask God to...**

- Learn more about the God who has made Himself known.
- Repent of their sin and of the lies they believe about God.
- Cling to God as the source of truth.

**STUDENT WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder the truth that God is joy as we pray for a heart that finds joy in Jesus. We will practice abiding in Jesus to live a joyful life after His example.



**Read and meditate on John 15 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder the truth that true joy is found in a relationship with Jesus. Do you have a relationship with Jesus? How can you daily abide in Jesus? What does it look like for you to abide in Jesus?
- Consider what it looks like for you to remain connected to Jesus. How does a daily connection lead to a joyful life? What obstacles stand in the way of you having a joyful life?



**Spend some time in prayer this week**

- Ask God to help you find true joy in Jesus.
- Pray with your parents or a small group leader this week. Ask God to help you abide in Jesus daily so that you live a joyful life.



**Memorize Psalm 16:11 this week by reviewing the verse every day with your parent or a friend.**

- Evaluate your daily devotional habits. Do you read your Bible? Pray? Is there someone to hold you accountable? Discuss the answers to these questions with your parents. Determine to read and pray daily. Ask our parents to help you find someone to hold you accountable to do these things.
- Meet with your small group leader to establish a habit of abiding in Jesus daily. Discuss some of the ways that you can change your perspective to focus on things that are above rather than on the earth. How can you seek things that are above and find eternal joy?