

November 25-December 1 1 and 2 Peter

"REJOICE WITH JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY"

1. Who is this About? Show the pictures below and read the descriptions from the scriptures next to them to see if they can guess who each description is talking about. Discuss the contrast between God's love and care for us and Satan's hate, selfishness, and desire to hurt us.
 - What are some things God has done for us because of His love for us? Read/discuss/summarize 1 Peter 1:18-19 and remind them that God sent His Son Christ to Earth because of His love for us.
 - Read the following scripture and see if they can guess who it is about: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (Jesus Christ) 1 Peter 1:8. Talk about the joy we can have through Christ.
2. Joy from Christ and Heavenly Father 1 Peter 1:3 says we can have a "lively hope" because of Heavenly Father and Jesus. Read/discuss/summarize 2 Peter 1:15-16. Peter said that the things we learn about Christ aren't fables (made-up stories), but explains that he and others were "eyewitnesses of his majesty." Review some of the things Christ did that Peter and others actually saw and remind them of how amazing it would've been to see those things.
 - Remind them that Satan is a roaring lion, and Heavenly Father is caring. Which one wants to give us good things? Who wants to take good things away from us? Read/discuss/summarize 2 Peter 3:17-18. Satan will try to lead us away from Christ, but if we continue to rely on Christ and stay close to Him, we'll be blessed.
 - Christ Description Activity: Peter taught many great things about Christ in these chapters. 2 Peter 1:2 says that knowledge of God and Jesus will multiply our grace and peace. Read the scriptures in the boxes and discuss what that tells us about Christ. Then cut out the strips underneath and place in a bowl. Take turns drawing out papers. If it is something that describes Christ, glue it onto the chart. Which strips might describe Satan? Talk about how we should try to learn about and emulate the good things that Christ did/does.
 - Song: Sing and discuss "Choose Him Again" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvBA0jCBLnU>.
3. "Be Ready Always to Give an Answer" – Remind them of the hope that we can feel in our lives because of and through Christ. Read/discuss/summarize 1 Peter 3:15. Take turns practicing what we would say if someone asked us why we have hope.
4. Popcorn Kernels – Since God and Jesus know and love us, does that mean we'll never have to go through anything hard in our lives? Set out an uncooked popcorn kernel and ask if this looks good to them. What needs to happen in order to make this kernel even better? (We need to give it some heat). Read/discuss/summarize 1 Peter 1:7 and 1 Peter 5:10-11 and explain that hard things we go through (trials of our faith) are more precious than gold and can help turn us into better people than we would've been otherwise. Remind them that God is "the God of all grace," and He is the one who can change us into better people. Just like heat applied to popcorn kernels can change them into something much better, trials that we go through can turn us into better people if we rely on the Lord. Pop some popcorn to eat while sharing the examples in the following activity.
5. Refining (Examples of Being Happy Even During Hard Times)- 1 Peter 1:22 says that we purify our souls when we obey the truth. Talk about what it means to "purify." How can hard times help us become better and more Christlike? 2 Peter 2:20 says we can escape "the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Eat popcorn while watching/reading/discussing the following examples of staying strong through trials and how our knowledge of Christ can help us through them:
 - Trial of Adversity video <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media-library/video/2011-04-002-trial-of-adversity?lang=eng>
 - Trouble in Adventure Forest story from *The Friend*: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2018/04/trouble-in-adventure-forest?lang=eng>
 - Trial Stories in *The Friend* <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/children/resources/topics/trials?lang=eng>
 - Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail D& C 121:1-8; 123:17, video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSsUAzUF8V4>

- Brainstorm some things that could be trials of our faith and talk about how we can remain strong and become better people because of them (getting up to do the primary program in front of everyone, listening to scriptures instead of playing with toys, sharing instead of keeping favorite toy to self, sitting through sacrament quietly, obeying Mom/Dad when don't want to, being patient instead of getting mad, etc.)
6. Acting with Stuffed Animals (Spirit World) – Read/discuss/summarize 1 Peter 3:18-20; 4:6. Remind them that Heavenly Father is the Father of ALL of us. Does He want some of His children to receive the blessings that come from the gospel or all of them?
- President Joseph Fielding Smith: “[The Father] is going to give to every man the privilege of hearing the gospel. **Not one soul shall be overlooked or forgotten.** This being true, what about the countless thousands who have died and never heard of Christ, never had an opportunity of repentance, never met an elder of the Church holding the authority?...The Lord has so arranged his plan...that all who have died without this opportunity shall be given it in the spirit world.”
 - Place some stuffed animals in a box to represent spirits who didn't get baptized while they were on Earth. Place some more animals on picture of the Earth (below). Use the picture of the baptism font/temple to model how baptisms for the dead work while reading “Baptisms for the Dead” Gospel Topics <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/baptisms-for-the-dead?lang=eng> . D & C 138:29-37 and D&C 138:50, 57-59 could also be beneficial to read/summarize with this. Open the box of stuffed animals to show how these spirits can be freed from spirit prison through baptisms for the dead.
 - Can also use this key: https://static.wixstatic.com/ugd/e5a618_6a9a0753814f405cb252209576db874e.pdf
7. Weaving (Through the power of Jesus Christ, I can develop my divine nature) – Does Christ expect us to become like him suddenly? Help them see that this is something that takes time, but each small thing we do to become more like Christ can end up making a big difference. Compare this to a piece of yarn and show picture from the manual of what lots of pieces of yarn can look like when they're combined together to form a beautiful tapestry.
- Read/discuss/summarize the quote from the manual: *“The attributes of the Savior ... are interwoven characteristics, added one to another, which develop in us in interactive ways. In other words, we cannot obtain one Christlike characteristic without also obtaining and influencing others. As one characteristic becomes strong, so do many more.”* (Robert D. Hales)
 - **Craft:** Use colored construction paper or copy the weaving strips/mat below onto two separate colors of paper. Read 2 Peter 1:5-7 and discuss each of the Christlike attributes listed (faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity) while weaving the strips onto the mat (Instructions for weaving found here <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/47194/paper-weaving-craft-for-kids/>). Glue picture of Christ on top of weaving when done.
 - “Jesus Learned and Grew” story from *The Friend*- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2019/01/jesus-learned-and-grew?lang=eng> . What are some good ways we can grow like Jesus and become more like Him?
 - 2 Peter 1:5 says we should give “all diligence” as we try to get these attributes that Jesus had to become more like Him. Talk about ways we can give diligence to trying to become like Jesus. Remind them that we'll feel more joy in our lives as we become more like Him.
 - You can also use yarn and popsicle sticks to do weaving like this: <https://www.prettyopinionated.com/2015/03/blossom-box-kids-simple-inspired-crafting-fun-for-kids-and-mom/>
 - Can also make “Basketweave Cookies” to go along with this: <https://www.mybluprint.com/project/basket-weave-sugar-cookies>



Additional Ideas:

- The manual has a great idea to try to learn about deceased ancestors while discussing the spirit world: “Perhaps on a deceased ancestor’s birthday you could cook your ancestor’s favorite meal, display pictures, or tell stories from your ancestor’s life. If possible, you could also plan to receive ordinances for this ancestor in the temple.”
- More great ideas: <https://www.theredcrystal.org/post/come-follow-me-nov-25-dec-1-rejoice-with-joy-unspeakable-and-full-of-glory>

Who is this About?

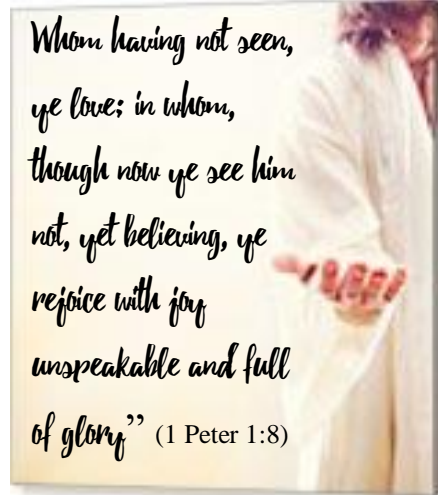


HE IS "AS A
ROARING LION,"
AND HE WALKS
AROUND, "SEEKING
WHOM HE MAY
DEVOUR."
1 PETER 5:8-9



**"He careth
for you."
1 Peter 5:6-7**

JESUS CHRIST



1 PETER 2:21-25

1 PETER 1:18-20

1 PETER 3:12

Cut these out and place in a bowl. Take turns drawing out papers. If it is something that describes Christ, glue it onto the chart above. Talk about how we should try to emulate the good things that Christ did/does.

HATES US	COURTEOUS	EVIL
KIND	LOVES US	DISOBEDIENT
PATIENT	OBEDIENT	HONEST
DISHONEST	FULL OF LIGHT	HUMBLE
FORGIVING	FULL OF DARKNESS	PRIDEFUL

Acting with Stuffed Animals (Spirit World): Place some stuffed animals in a box to represent people who weren't baptized during their earth life. Use stuffed animals and the earth, temple, and baptism font pictures to show how doing baptisms for the dead in the temple can help those spirits



Place this sign on box of stuffed animals who need baptisms for the dead done for them:

**SPIRITS OF PEOPLE WHO
WEREN'T BAPTIZED
DURING THEIR EARTH LIFE**

Weaving Strips: Copy onto colored construction paper and cut strips apart. Weave them into the weaving mat below while discussing each of the attributes of Christ mentioned in 2 Peter 1:5-7.

Peter 1:5-7

diligence
Faith
virtue
Knowledge
TEMPERANCE
patience
godliness
brotherly kindness
CHARITY

Weaving Mat: Copy onto colored paper. Cut along the horizontal lines so the strips can be weaved into it.

JESUS IS MY EXAMPLE

Each Christlike quality we develop helps us weave a spiritual tapestry of discipleship.

Cut on the lines and weave
the other strips through

Come Follow Me- For Individuals and Families (Robert D. Hales, Becoming a Disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ) "The attributes of the Savior ...are inter-woven characteristics, added one to another, which develop in us in interactive ways. In other words, we cannot obtain one Christlike characteristic without also obtaining and influencing others. As one characteristic becomes strong, so do many more."

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Put this picture of Christ on top of the weaved activity.

Picture of Christ: cut out and glue on
top of the weaving mat when
weaving is complete



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