

Joy to the World

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Psalm 98:1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. **2** The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. **3** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **4** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! **5** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! **6** With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! **7** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! **8** Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together **9** before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

1. God has done marvelous things in our _____.
2. Therefore all of creation is _____ to praise God.
3. Jesus will rule _____, and it will be better than anything we can imagine.
4. Happiness is a feeling based on circumstances. Joy is an attitude based on who Jesus is and what He has done, and it defies _____.
5. _____ is a time when we celebrate the incarnation and our salvation, and we look forward to the day when the Lord will make all things new.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite Christmas carol?
2. What did you learn from this teaching?
3. What is something God has done in your life that brings you joy?
4. What do you typically connect your joy to?
5. How can you be more joyful this week?
6. Pray for each other.

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,
 fest the ground; he comes to make his
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his

pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

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Next Week's Message: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"