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.

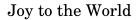
3. Jesus will rule ______, and it will be better than anything we can imagine.

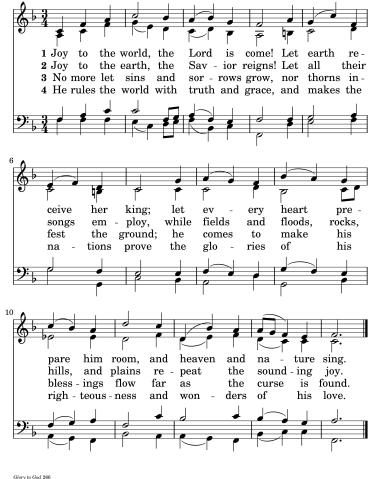
4. Happiness is a feeling based on circumstances. Joy is an attitude based on who Jesus is and what He has done, and it defies

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