



Today is a good day! Don't worry about tomorrow! Come and listen to Jesus's Sermon on the Mount! Join your kids as they learn to trust God first and lean on His promises for tomorrow.

So, choose your Exploration Stations, practice the story, gather supplies, and set up your classroom. It's time to go exploring!

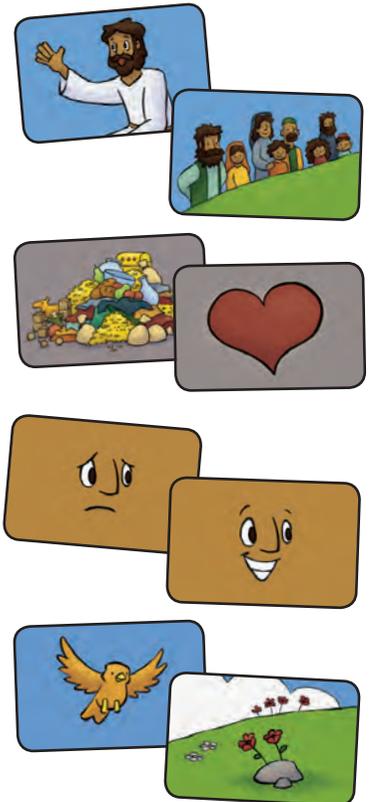
Before You Explore

The Basic Supplies

- Discovery Guide for each kiddo
- Story Cards
- Eureka! Jr. Stamps
- Eureka! DVD or CD
- DVD or CD player
- Empty can or bottle
- Tape
- Ball

Exploration Station Supplies

- Thankful Collage**
 - Magazines, paper or poster board, and glue sticks
- Let's See! Story**
 - Story Cards, 41-48
- Picture the Story**
 - Discovery Guides and crayons
- Sculpt the Story**
 - Play-Doh
- Play the Story**
 - Dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal



1 Here We Go!

- ❑ Tape Scout's card (#52) on an empty can, bottle, or something that can be knocked over easily. Take turns rolling a ball across the room to knock down Scout's card.
- ❑ Option: Hide the Kai and Scout cards (#49-52) from the **Story Card** deck. Have kids try to find the cards when they arrive.
- ❑ Play *The Come Along Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Invite kids to come to your gathering spot (at a table, on the floor, etc.).

2 What's That Word?

- ❑ Show the Bible picture from page 1 of this lesson. Invite kids to find the hidden word in the picture. Say **joy** out loud as a class. (Option: Pass out the **Discovery Guides (DG)** now and let kids find the hidden word in the picture on their own **DG**.)
- ❑ Chat about the word. **Does anyone know what joy means?**
 - **Joy is a feeling. It is bigger and stronger than happiness.**
 - **Joy is a choice. We can choose to be joyful even when we are having a bad day.**
 - **Joy is found in trusting God. We believe God's promises are true.**
- ❑ Listen for the word **joy** in our **Remember Verse**.

3 Remember Verse

- ❑ Invite everyone to stand up. Play the **Remember Verse Video** for **Romans 15:13a** on the **Eureka! Jr. DVD**. (Find descriptions of the motions on FoundryLeader.com.)
- ❑ Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.
- ❑ **"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him." Romans 15:13a (NLT)**



4 Happy & Sad

- ❑ Invite kids to share something happy and not-so-happy that happened this past week. Pray together.

5 Explore the Story

- ❑ Invite kids to prepare themselves to listen to this week's passage. Gather them to a place where they can move around. Remind kids to follow Scout's exploring instructions while they listen.
- ❑ Play the **Let's Go! Bible Story** audio from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Follow Scout's instructions along with the kids.
- ❑ Option: Read (or have another adult read) the **Let's Go! Bible Story** script on page 3. The exploring instructions are italicized.

Explore the Story

Let's Go! Bible Story

Jesus was on a mountain. Come! *Let's climb up this mountain to listen.* Jesus knew that trusting God could be hard. Sometimes life was difficult. Jesus knew it was easy for people to believe that buying or having things could protect them from difficult times.

Jesus asked the crowd to begin naming things that were important to live. *Let's count on our fingers some of their answers.* People shouted out things like: food, clothes, shelter, a bed, blankets, and money. **I wonder, are there things you worry about not having enough of or things you worry about needing?**

Jesus told the crowd that these were important things. However, there was no reason to worry or store up these things. God's way was simpler. *Let's hold up one finger.* The only thing we need is God. *Now, let's point up to God.* Trusting in God will bring us joy even when life becomes hard and difficult. Jesus promised that God is faithful. He will provide for us and take care of all of our needs.

The people heard Jesus's words but were still worried. *Show me a worried face.* They had questions about how they would eat or what they would wear. Look up to the sky! Jesus pointed to the birds. *Let's wave our arms like the birds.* Jesus asked the people if these birds seemed worried. *Let's shake our heads no.* Of course not! Birds don't need to worry. Birds understand that God will take care of them. **I wonder, why do you think people worry so much?**

Then Jesus asked the crowd to describe God's love for these birds. *Stretch your arms out wide as you show how big God's love is for the birds.* Next, Jesus asked them to talk about how big God's love is for people. *Spread your arms out even bigger! Further still!* God loves us so much more than the birds! Jesus reminded the crowd that if God loved and cared for the birds, He would do even more to care for our needs.

Jesus picked up a flower. *Pick one and smell it.* A flower begins as a small seed but grows and blossoms into a beautiful gift for the world to enjoy. God created each flower. Each flower was special but God created people in His image. We are more special than all the flowers in the world! *Give yourself a hug as you celebrate how big God's love is for you.*

You don't need to worry about tomorrow. God is with you today. You can choose to love God or you can choose to love your stuff. You can worry about your future or you can trust in God. *Hold up one finger again.* God is all that we need. Let's love God first. *Let's clap for God.* God will take care of you each and every day.



6 What's This Say about God & Us?

- ❑ I wonder what part of the story you liked best?
- ❑ I wonder who you are most like in this story?
- ❑ I wonder, can you make a joyful face?
- ❑ I wonder what we learn about God through this story?

7 Exploration Stations

- ❑ Introduce the Exploration Stations you'll be doing. Review your rules for the Exploration Stations (quiet voices, share items, etc.).
 - **Thankful Collage Station:** Look through magazines and rip out pictures of things that you are thankful to have. Take time to thank God for taking care of you. Ask God to help you trust in Him.
 - **Let's See! Story Station:** Re-create the story with the **Story Cards**.
 - **Picture the Story Station:** Color the picture on your **Discovery Guide**.
 - **Sculpt the Story Station:** Use Play-Doh to make something from the story.
 - **Play the Story Station:** Have an assortment of toys (dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal). Have kids act out and play through the story with the different toys.
- ❑ Invite kids to choose which station they go to. Kids can stay at one or visit multiple stations.
- ❑ As kids play, visit each station and ask questions about their play and how it relates to the story.
- ❑ Allow 15-20 minutes to explore. Announce when it's almost time to stop. Bring kids back to the gathering area before cleaning up.

8 Share Your Discovery

- ❑ Invite kids to share what they discovered about the Bible story. Share what you discovered as you interacted with the kids.
- ❑ Remind kids to use their **Discovery Guide** to keep exploring at home. Pray as a group, thanking God for leading their discoveries.
- ❑ Use a **Eureka! Jr. Stamp** to stamp each kid's **Discovery Guide** to show that they completed today's expedition.
- ❑ Play *Tidy-Up Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** as the kids clean up the room.

9 Goodbye Blessing

- ❑ Using the other **Eureka! Jr. Stamp**, stamp each child's hand as you share the following blessing with each one.
 - **May you be joyful and thankful as you celebrate what God has done for you! Go knowing that God cares for you.**

