

Hot Potato

Materials: ten plastic cups, large potato

FAMILY TIME AT HOME

LOGOS Homes may want to prepare a meal with a food item that is new and unknown to them. They could ask each other, "What is it?" and try to guess the answer.

Blessing: One potato, two potato, three potato, Thanks! Amen.

Table Talk: Make a list of all the ways potatoes can be prepared. What is your favorite potato dish?

RECREATION



Joyful Potato Bowling

Set up the plastic cups, upside down, at one end of the table, like the pins in a bowling alley.

Each person takes a turn rolling the potato down the table to knock over the pins (cups). No score is kept. Keep rotating and playing until you get bored! Long tables work best, or countertops, or even the floor.

BIBLE STUDY

Jesus is teaching in a crowded house and four friends bring him a crippled man to be healed. Jesus uses forgiveness, which is in opposition to what the Jewish law is; that only God can forgive. Jesus uses his earthly authority.

Read Scripture together

Luke 5:17-26 (NIV)

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Using the Luke 5 Reading sheet, divide up paragraphs between LOGOS Homes to read to everyone.

Talk about Scripture together

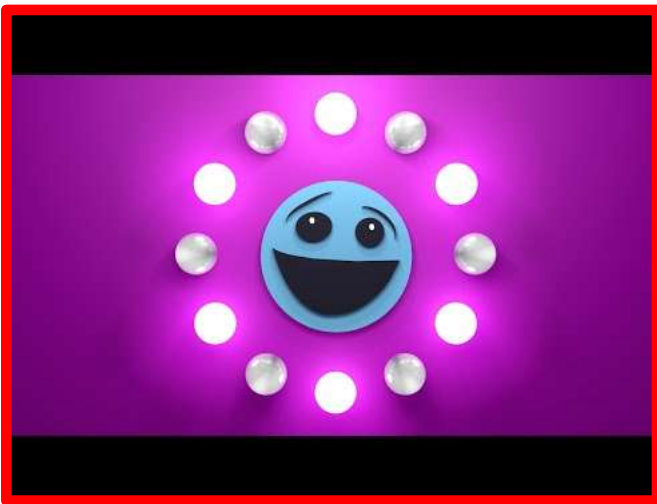
- Tell about a time when you were really happy or filled with joy.

- If you had been in that house where Jesus was teaching, would you have been more amazed to see a hole cut in the roof and people lowering their friend through the hole or to see that same man get up and walk?
- Wonder together about how Jesus felt after forgiving and then healing the crippled man.
- How do you feel when you do something for someone else?

WORSHIP ARTS

Joy can be expressed in many ways. Sometimes it is laughing together over a silly game like Potato Bowling. Sometimes, as in our Bible story, it's by helping a friend and seeing their dream come true. Sometimes it is by listening to joyful songs.

Enjoy some videos about JOY.



Psalms 100 celebrates joy, the joy in worshipping God and giving God thanks and praise.

Pick one person to read the "One" part and everyone else read the "Many" part.

Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Many: Whoo-hoo!

One: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Many: We come into his presence with singing!

One: Know that the Lord is God.

Many: He made us and we are his!

One: We are his people.

Many: We are the sheep of his pasture!

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Many: Praise God!

One: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Many: Thank you, Lord! We bless your name!

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Many: Whoo-hoo!

All: Amen!