



CRAFT

Joyful Noisemakers

[20 min]

Supplies

- 8- or 9-ounce clear plastic cups
- permanent markers
- uninflated balloons (1 per child)
- scissors
- uncooked rice (about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup per child)

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Tip

- If you do this block before Core Bible Discovery, consider using these noisemakers during the party.

Make Joyful Noisemakers

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child a cup and a balloon. Set out the remaining supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make joyful noisemakers.

- Pour about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of rice into your plastic cup. (No need to measure—you can just fill the cup about $\frac{1}{4}$ full.)
- Cut the bottom (the opening) off a balloon.
- Stretch the top of the balloon tight over the top of the cup.
- Use permanent markers to decorate the cup and balloon. Write the word “joy” at least once.

Make a Joyful Noise

- Have kids make a joyful noise by playing their instruments.
- Their noisemakers are two instruments in one! First, kids can shake the cups like maracas.
- Kids can also take turns using two permanent markers as drumsticks to beat a rhythm on the balloons.
- Have kids work in groups as bands and play songs together, setting a beat and working together to make a joyful song.

Talk About It

Ask: • **What kind of music do you think is the most joyful? Why?**

- **What are other ways you like to express joy?**

Say: **Joy is a fruit of the Spirit.** Sometimes people think of God as boring or stern, like a judge sitting on a throne and scowling. But God loves to give us joy! Being a friend of Jesus is fun because God gives us so much joy to celebrate and share with others.

Have kids take their Joyful Noisemakers home and spread joy to their friends and families.

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