





JOY What does it mean?

If you look it up in the dictionary it says: **'a feeling of great pleasure and happiness'**



Have you heard people say.....

She cried tears of joy.

> l'm full of the joy of life.

He shouted with joy!

It was a joyful celebration.



When have you felt joy?

What made you feel that way?

What is this joy? Is it having fun? No: it is not the same. Fun is good, eh? Having fun is good. But joy is more, it is something else. It is a gift.

Joy is a gift from God. It fills us from within. It is like an anointing of the Spirit. And this joy is the certainty that Jesus is with us and with the Father.

Pope Francis





We hear the word 'joy' quite a lot in the New Testament – at the beginning:

'When the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.'

'Be not afraid for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.'

> 'When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.'







And the end:

'So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.'

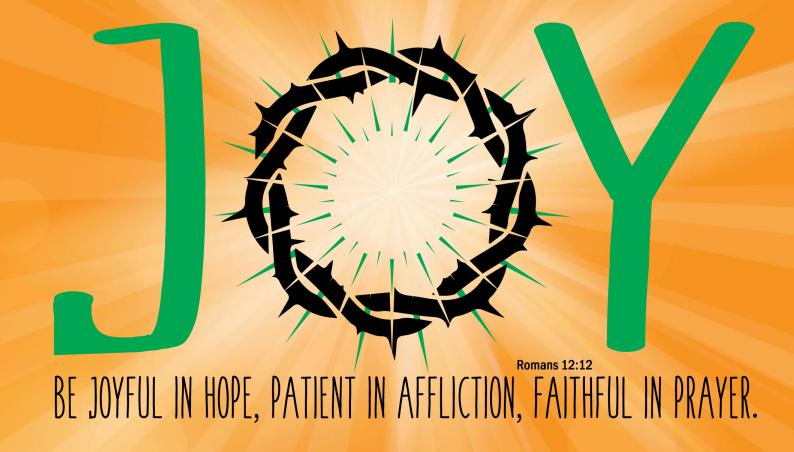
'And while they still disbelieved for joy and wondered, he said to them, 'Have you anything to eat?''

'After saying this he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord.'

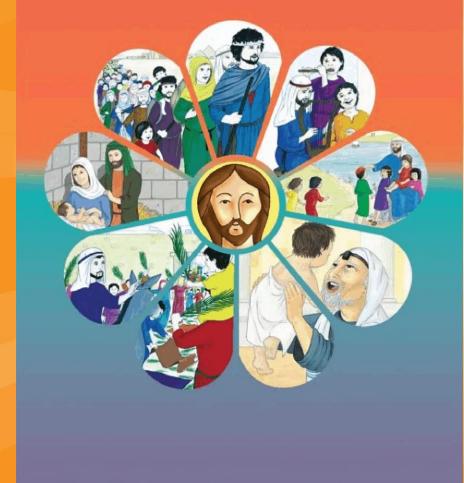




In St Paul's letter to the Romans he tells us to be joyful



Good News



Let's read the whole passage in God's Story

Dear Friends, We all have been given lovely gifts.

When you give, give with a loving heart.

If you have a job to do, do it really well.

If you are helping someone, do it happily.

Be real in your love for each other.

Do not just pretend to be good.

Love and care for each other as good brothers and sisters.

Be whole-hearted and enthusiastic in all you do.

Be joyful.

When things get hard, keep on going.

Pray regularly.

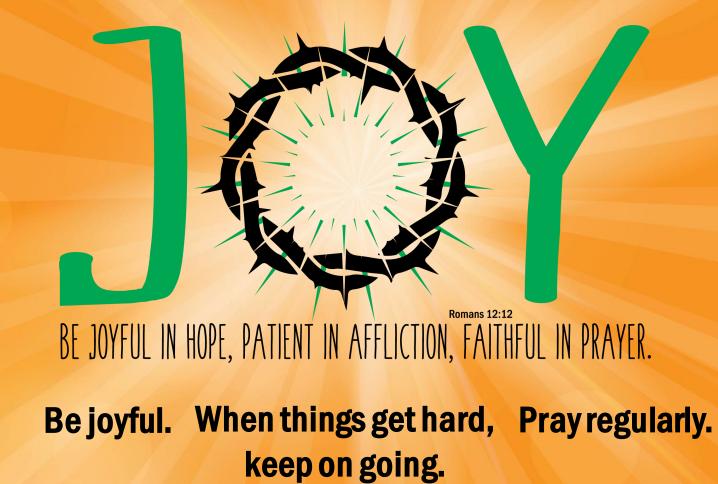
Share what you have with people in need.

Always make people feel welcome.

Based on Romans 12:8-11 (God's Story 3)

St Paul is teaching us how to live good lives.







Reasons to be joyful!

- 1. We know we are loved by Jesus
- 2. We know we can share our problems and difficulties with him
- 3. We can talk to him whenever and wherever we like



A special way to pray We can share our day with Jesus, every day. Just talk to him about the good bits and not so good!

A bit like someone at home asking you 'How was your day?

> Jesus wants to know how your day was too!





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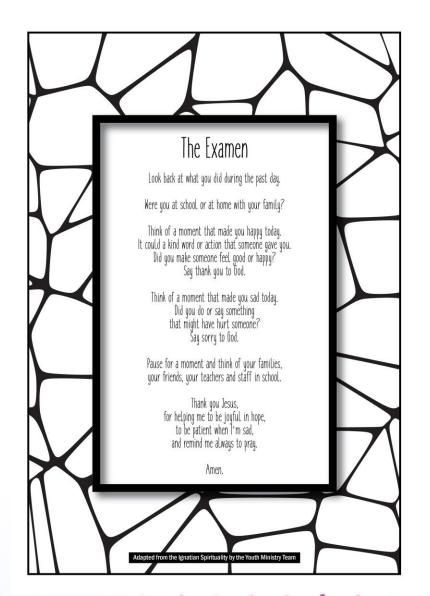




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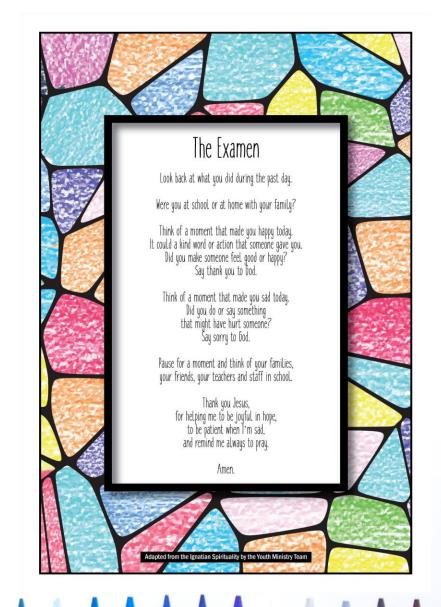
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- or at school?





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