



1 See Joy in God's Creation

WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

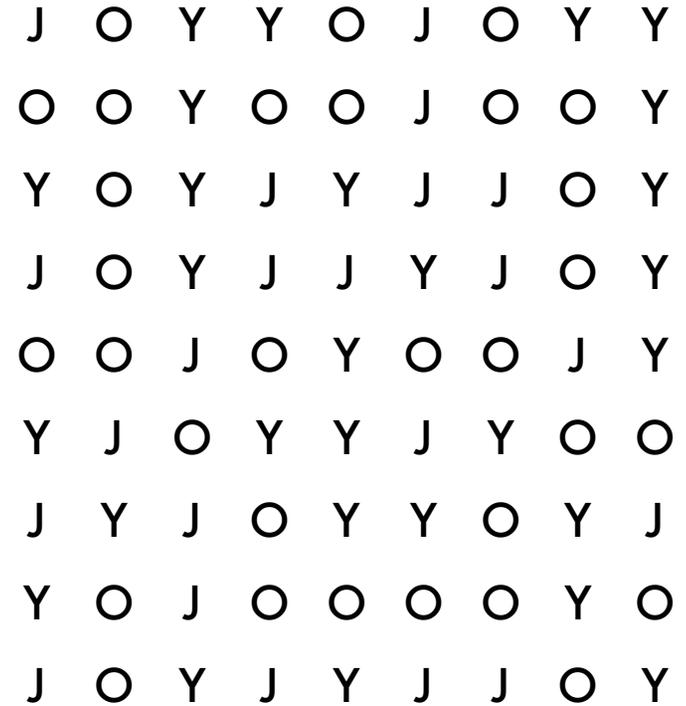
Enter into the practice of joy by beginning with noticing, experiencing, and savoring God's creation all around us. Faith invites us to *find joy in God's glory*; to notice, with intention, God's presence in our midst. Practice observation skills by using your senses to find joy in God's world. Finding joy in the little things leads to living a joyful, abundant life.

- Use the first letter of your first name and write or draw pictures of things from God's creation that start with that letter. Or use each letter of your name to do the same.
- Take a mini mind vacation to your favorite place of God's creation. Perhaps it is a favorite park or your backyard. Maybe it's somewhere you visited on a vacation in the mountains, by a lake, or on a beach. Take a few deep breaths, close your eyes, and imagine yourself in this favorite place. Give thanks to God for this place.
- Watch the YouTube video "Every Move I Make—Dance-a-Long Video—Kids Worship" (bit.ly/FMEveryMove, 3:18). Sing and dance for joy at God's gifts of song, dance, breath, grace, and love.

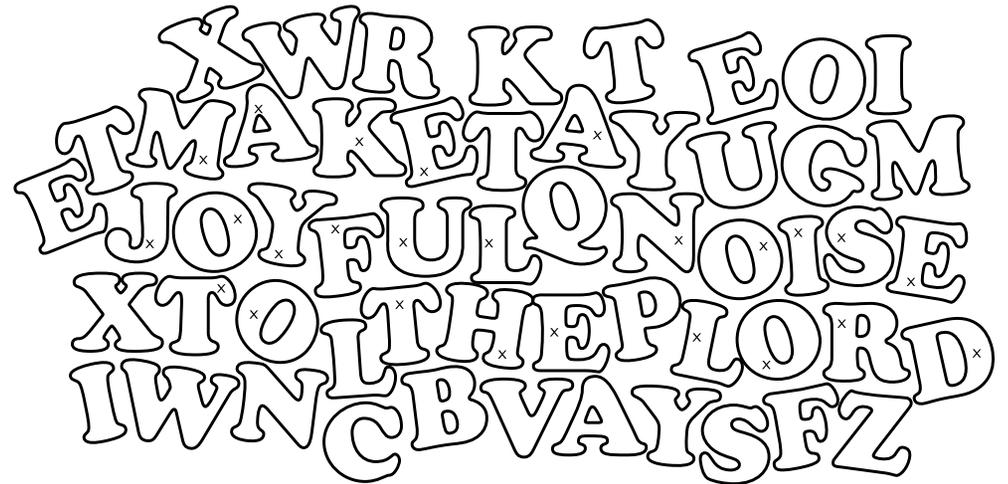
Creator God, thank you for your wild and imaginative creation, from the tiniest of grains of sand and microorganisms to the vast desert, soaring mountains, blue whales, and gentle elephants. Thank you for all the colors of the rainbow found in nature and in human beings. And, thank you for me. Amen.

Note: bit.ly addresses are case-sensitive.

Sometimes joy is easy to see. Sometimes you need to really look for it. How many times can you find the word *joy* in the puzzle? Search in all directions.



Color the letters with an "x" to find the message.



39. Make a joyful noise to the Lord.



BIBLE STORY

Based on Psalm 98:4–9

Sing for joy to the LORD, all the earth;
praise God with songs and shouts of joy!

Sing praises to the LORD!

Play music on the harps!

Blow trumpets and horns,
and shout for joy to the LORD, our king.

Roar, sea, and every creature in you;
sing, earth, and all who live on you!

Clap your hands, you rivers;
you hills, sing together with joy before the LORD,
because God comes to rule the earth.

God will rule the peoples of the world with justice
and fairness.

—Adapted from the GNT

