



Promise: Joy Comes with the Morning

MAIN IDEA

- **God will end suffering for the righteous and turn it to joy.**

MEMORY VERSE

...Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.—Psalm 30:5b

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 30:5b, 11
- 2) Psalm 42:11
- 3) John 16:20-22



LESSON SUMMARY

Sorrow is a very real and all too common experience in this broken world. The Bible makes no claim that Christians will not weep. We see it all through the Bible as God's people experience being sinned against, and as their own sins cause sorrow. But the story of every true believer has a good end—joy comes with the morning.

Just as the sorrow of the disciples at the death of Jesus turned to joy at His resurrection, so someday Jesus will bury our sorrow and resurrect joy for us. In the middle of the sorrow, we don't see the end, but we must remember that the story isn't over yet. There is a happy ending for every believer.

Psalm 30:5b—...Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Sometimes the night is long...but the morning always comes for God's children. During the night, we are called to fight for joy by remembering God's promises, trusting His wisdom and goodness, and recognizing that we are in the middle of the story and God promises a good ending. Weeping is real. But it is only for the night. Remember that the story isn't over yet. If you are a Christian, joy comes with the morning!

Ask God to give you a "looking to the end" perspective on difficulties in your life. Pray for the faith to believe in His goodness and wisdom in the middle of things, and to fill your heart with the reassurance that joy comes with the morning. Pray that your son or daughter will see that God's plans and ways are both wise and good, that sorrow is necessary, and that, for the Christian, sorrow gives way to joy.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Share with your child a sorrow in your life that has given way to joy. Tell your child how God was faithful in the midst of the sorrow, and how you fought the fight for joy. Talk about things that are hard for your child or cause sorrow. *What could God's purposes in the sorrow be? Why might the sorrow be necessary? What joy may come in the morning?*

- Ask your child to tell you about a story in the Bible where sorrow gave way to joy (e.g., Joseph’s trials and reunion; Jesus’ death and resurrection; Hannah’s childlessness and the birth of Samuel; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s persecution turned to promotion; the death of Lazarus and the raising of him, etc.) *What does this tell you about God’s goodness and wisdom? What does this tell you about trusting God?*

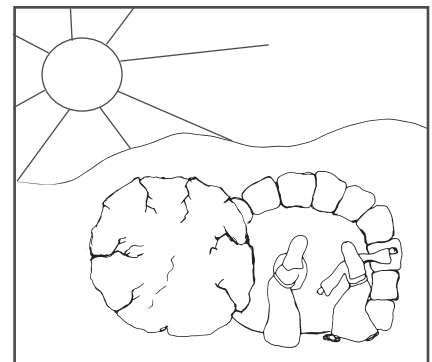
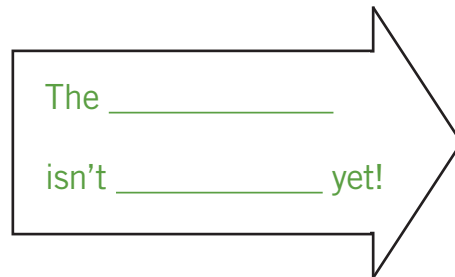
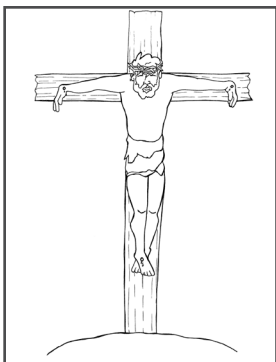
ACTIVITY

Read Psalm 30:11, Psalm 42:11, and Psalm 30:5b. Fill in the blanks showing what God did or will do. The beginning of the story is written for you. Fill in the end of the story. Then fill in the blanks at the bottom.

Mourning → _____

Turmoil → _____

Weeping → _____



The story still isn’t over. Someday Jesus will return for His people and bring them to heaven where there will be everlasting joy. Will you be someone that Jesus returns for?