

# Turned to Joy

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the picture clues below to change one letter at a time until you spell *Joy*.

SAD

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**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- After the walls were built, Ezra read God's law to the people.
- The people were sad when they understood they had sinned.
- Ezra told the people not to be sad, but to celebrate God's faithfulness to them instead.
- God's people repented and promised to be faithful.

**KEY PASSAGE:** 1 Peter 5:10

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who is in control of everything?  
God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why might we feel sad because of our sin?
- Why can we celebrate despite our sin?
- Who can help us better love and obey God?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Throw a party to celebrate God's work in your family. Decorate, serve cake or other desserts, and sing worship songs as a family. Take turns naming specific things God has done for you in the last year.



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