

# Sunday School Craft

## "REJOICE!" In the New Year Paper Pinata

**SCRIPTURE:** PHILIPPIANS 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"

### MATERIALS:

- Large Brown Grocery Bag (do as a class or bring enough bags to work in small groups)
- Colored markers or crayons
- Curly Ribbon
- Paper cut into small (3-inch) squares
- String
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue
- Stapler
- Goodies to put in the Pinata

### PREPARATION:

- Print Pattern (to follow)
- Cut paper into squares (approx. 3 inches)
- On several paper squares, write: "REJOICE!"



### DIRECTIONS:

1. SIDE 1: In the center of one side of your large grocery bag, write the word "**REJOICE**" in large letters. Allow each student to continue helping you decorate this side of the bag with pictures and words that represent things that give them JOY and reason to REJOICE.
2. SIDE 2: Print out the "Rejoice in the Lord!" pattern (next page), cut out, and glue to the other side of bag.
3. Tape colored ribbons to the top of the bag so that they hang down.
4. Give each student a small square piece of paper. Instruct them to write/draw something that gives them JOY. Place all paper squares (including the squares that you prepared earlier) inside the bag.
5. Continue to fill the bag with other goodies.
6. Tie or staple the top of the bag closed. Punch a hole in the top and attach a string to the bag through the hole so that the piñata can be hung up.
7. "Break" the pinata (safely!) with children either at the end of class, or next Sunday in the New Year!



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