

# Experiencing Christmas Joy

Luke 1:14 "You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth." NLT

Luke 1:44 "As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy." NIV

Luke 1:57-58 "When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy." NIV

Luke 1:28 "And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" NKJV

Luke 1:47 "...and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." NIV

Luke 2:10 "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." NIV

## **#1: Joy Comes from \_\_\_\_\_**

Nehemiah 8:10 "And Nehemiah continued, "Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!" NLT

Romans 15:13 "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." NLT

Psalms 16:11 "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." NIV

## **#2: Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ We Can Make**

Philippians 4:4 "Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" NLT

1 Peter 1:8-9 "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." NIV

## **#3: Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ Than our Problems**

Luke 6:22-23 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets." ESV

2 Corinthians 7:4 "I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy." ESV

James 1:2-4 "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." ESV