

Weekly Grapple Connection

Grapple Question:

Is God a Party Pooper?

Kids Learn:

God Encourages Celebration (Fun!)

Dig Into the Bible:

Leviticus 23:6-8, 23-25, 33-36; Psalms 16:8-11; 21:1-6; Romans 13:13

The Old Testament tells us that God set aside days for celebration, and these days are still celebrated today in the Jewish tradition. The New Testament tells of parties, too. When Matthew became a disciple, Jesus asked him to throw a party so he could meet Matthew's friends. Look in the Bible, and you'll see plenty of parties. Jesus knew when to be very serious. He also knew when to party.

So what does this mean for us today? Look for reasons to celebrate. Plan a party with your preteen, and invite Jesus to attend. Jesus wants to be a part of every aspect of our lives—including our celebrations. Find out just how much fun a celebration can be when you include Jesus!

