



## Week 3

# JOY COMES FROM GOD

Christians are on a journey that often holds many trials. If we look to our circumstances as the source of our joy, we'll inevitably end up disappointed. People, possessions and the pleasures of life will fail us, but God never fails. In Him alone is "fullness of joy."

As you make today's ornament, talk with your children about how joy comes from God and cannot be taken away, even in difficult times.

Say together: "No matter how difficult our path, we know that Jesus fills us with a lasting joy."

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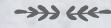
**"You make known  
to me the path of life;  
in your presence  
there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand  
are pleasures  
forevermore."**

**—Psalm 16:11**

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Ball of Joy  
ornament  
directions to  
follow.



# BALL OF JOY ORNAMENT



A simple ornament made by stacking eight half circles.



Cut eight circles out of colored paper stock.



Fold all eight circles in half.



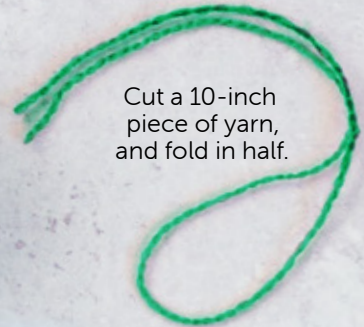
Glue the back half of one circle to the front half of another circle in the stack.



Continue gluing the eight circle halves together.



Do not glue the final circle halves together yet.



Cut a 10-inch piece of yarn, and fold in half.



Add glue to the center of the ornament and adhere the yarn.



Glue the final circle halves together.

## TIPS

- Mix up the amount of circles used to create a more dense or sparse ball.
- Use different paper for a more whimsical effect.
- A craft paper punch makes cutting out perfect circles quick and easy.
- Using double-stick tape helps secure the pieces while the glue dries.

