



## **Music Worship**

Can't steal my joy – Josiah Queen and Brandon Lake (Kid Kardia channel)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxggtZUrsHc&list=RDbxggtZUrsHc&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxggtZUrsHc&list=RDbxggtZUrsHc&start_radio=1)

**Gather:** Welcome to Collective Worship. I want you to think to yourself for a minute and come up with things, people or places that bring you joy. You can close your eyes if it helps you to think. (Give 90 seconds of silence) Can you now turn to the person next to you and tell them one of the things that bring you joy. Were they similar or different to your ideas?

*Emphasise how amazing it is that there are so many examples of where we can experience joy, but life doesn't always feel joyful...*

**Engage:** We are going to listen to a song called 'Can't steal my joy' which we are going to listen to twice. As you listen to the song, try and think about the title of the song and all things that can steal your joy. Things that might stop you feeling happy, content or grateful. You might also want to think about what other lyrics stand out to you in the song.

Opportunity to share – what things can steal your joy? What other lyrics stood out to you in the song?

*Examples: Feeling upset, stress, worries, falling out with friends, sickness or death, people's comments.*

The song writers are saying that their joy cannot be stolen because of the praise that is in their hearts. For many Christians, their joy is in their faith and a hope that they find in God rather than themselves and other things. Christians believe that lots of things that we may find joy in are temporary, but God is eternal/Everlasting/forever.

**Respond:** As we sing the song again, join in with the singing and dance moves that you might want to try. In what ways can you choose to keep your joy even when things are challenging?

*Listen to the song and then give an invitational opportunity to pray. "If you would like to make this prayer your own, you can join in with Amen at the end".*

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that we have so many things that bring us joy. We ask for your help when we let worries, fears or stress come and steal our joy. Help us remain joyful even when things are tough. Amen.

**Send:** Keep the things in mind that bring you joy as you go about your day today. How can you show thanks for these things?