

Do Great Things for God

# Free Resources Pack



Joni Eareckson Tada had a lively childhood until a terrible diving accident left her severely disabled. As she grappled with questions about God, Joni came to trust him more and sought to follow him even though life was hard. That led her start the ministry Joni and Friends, through which she and many others continue to serve people around the world who are living with disabilities.

This Freebie Pack Includes:

- Worksheet for 4-7s
- Worksheet for 7-11s
- Family Project: Serving Those With Disabilities
- Romans 8 v 28 Print
- "My Hope Is Built" Song Sheet

## Family Project: Serving Those with Disabilities

Joni Eareckson Tada began the ministry Joni and Friends in 1979 to serve those with disabilities. Her work has changed the way the church all over the world sees and cares for people affected by disability. This family project will help you learn about disability and the many ways you can join Joni, her friends, and God in offering friendship and help to those with disabilities. Start by reading Luke 14:21, 23 in the NIV and praying for God to help you be a friend to others in need.

### Day 1: Overview

- Define "disability" together, asking kids to explain "disability" in their own words.

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- Ask kids to stand up and point to each of their different body parts. Discuss how each body part can be affected by disabilities. When you reach the head, discuss disabilities that affect memory, thinking, intellectual development and mental health.

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- Make a list of 3 specific disabilities you would like to learn more about through this family project (i.e. vision impairment). Fill in one per day for the next 3 days of the project.

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Day 2: \_\_\_\_\_

- How many people in the world live with this disability?

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- How might it feel to live with this disability?

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- What sorts of things might it be hard to do for someone with this type of disability?

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- What sort of special tools might someone use if they live with this disability?

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- Are there any ways a friend or family member can be helpful to someone living with this disability?

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Day 3: \_\_\_\_\_

- How many people in the world live with this disability?

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- How might it feel to live with this disability?

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- What sorts of things might it be hard to do for someone with this type of disability?

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- What sort of special tools might someone use if they live with this disability?

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- Are there any ways a friend or family member can be helpful to someone living with this disability?

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Day 4: \_\_\_\_\_

- How many people in the world live with this disability?

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- How might it feel to live with this disability?

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- What sorts of things might it be hard to do for someone with this type of disability?

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- What sort of special tools might someone use if they live with this disability?

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- Are there any ways a friend or family member can be helpful to someone living with this disability?

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**Day 5: Serving Those with Disabilities**

- Start by praying for people living with the disabilities you have been learning about and asking God to help you consider ways you can help others with disabilities.
- Look up Joni and Friends website and see if you can find 3 different ideas for how people serve others who live with disabilities.

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- Brainstorm together if there is anything you can do as a family to serve others with disabilities.

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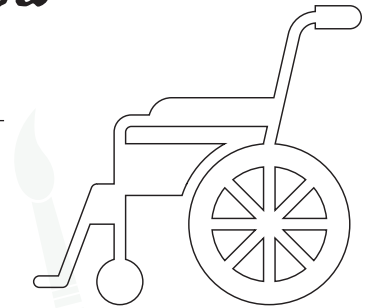
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All About

# Joni Eareckson Tada

By: \_\_\_\_\_



## My Drawing of Joni



Large empty rectangular box for drawing Joni.

When was Joni born?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where did Joni grow up?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What sorts of things did Joni enjoy doing for fun as a kid?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## What Did Joni Do When...

She went a church camp at age 15

She was hurt and could not use her arms and legs

She prayed for God to show her how to follow him

Asked if she will ever walk again

Circle the Answer



Learned to mountain climb **OR** Prayed to God about following him

Learned how to get around, eat, and more **OR** Stayed in the hospital

Helped others with disabilities **OR** Became a wheelchair racing driver

Said yes, and she will run super fast **OR** Said yes, but the first thing she will do is kneel and worship Jesus



## What Are 8 Things You Liked about Joni's Story?

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### Remember this Verse Joni Loved

"In all things God works for the good  
of those who love him."

**Romans 8 v 28**

Can you say it all by yourself?

**Family Activity:** Joni and Friends helps people with disabilities all over the world. With your family, look up "pray with us" on the Joni and Friends website. Write the prayer requests on slips of paper and put them in a cup. Take turns drawing out a slip of paper and praying for each request.





Biography Report for

# Joni Eareckson Tada

By: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite thing about Joni:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Person from the Bible Joni reminds me of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A question I would ask Joni:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Three words I would use to describe Joni:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



Remember this Verse Joni Loved

"In \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_."

Romans 8 v 28

Can you say it 5 times without looking? ■

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Joni Eareckson Tada

Year of Birth:

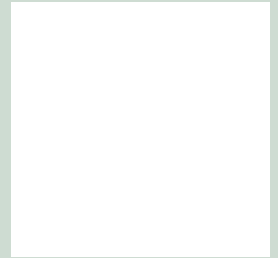
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Hometown:

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Hobbies:

\_\_\_\_\_



(Draw a Portrait)



Search Online to Find:

Ask an adult about doing this together!

Joni started Joni and Friends to help others with disabilities. List a few of the ways that Joni and Friends helps others.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Joni is also an author. Name a few of the books that she wrote.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Joni has to rely on others for help with physical tasks every day, but she has some unique ways of doing things herself. List some of the ways she feeds herself, does art, and more.

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Tell Joni's story in your own words. You can even pretend you are Joni and say "I," thinking about how she might feel.

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Can you put these events in order? Number the boxes from 1 to 6.



Joni broke her neck



Joni was in the hospital



Joni started the ministry Joni and Friends



Joni prayed to Jesus at camp



Joni got married to Ken

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IN ALL THINGS  
GOD WORKS  
FOR THE GOOD  
OF THOSE  
WHO LOVE  
HIM.

ROMANS 8 v 28





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# My Hope Is Built

(The Solid Rock)

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Music: 'Melita' John Bacchus Dykes, 1861. Setting: "Hymns Ancient and Modern", 1869. copyright: public domain. This score is a part of the Open Hymnal Project, 2011 Revision.

♩ = 100

1. My hope is built on no - thing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils His lov - ely face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - - nant, His blood, Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh may I then in

right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But  
 chang - ing grace. In ev - - every high and storm - y gale, My  
 whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my soul gives way, He  
 Him be found. Dressed in His right - eous - - ness a - lone, Fault -

whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. On Christ the so - lid  
 an - chor holds with - - in the veil.  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - - fore the throne.

Rock I stand, All o - - ther ground is sink - - ing sand.

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# My Hope Is Built

(The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

