

Although Joyce earned a BA degree in Communication from Louisiana Baptist University, she asserts that her greatest education came from the various hands-on experience she gathered while directing children's ministries in small, medium and mega churches; averaging Sunday morning attendance of 10 to 500 first through sixth graders.

For the past 45 years, Joyce has used ventriloquism as a tool to catch and hold the attention of audiences of all ages. She and her company of 13 characters are known as *Joyce & Friends*. Joyce traveled extensively for 17 years before giving her full attention to local church ministries. *Joyce & Friends* was featured as the cover story of *One Voice Magazine*

In addition to being a published author and entertainer, Joyce has made television appearances, commercials, and public service announcements.

For ten years she shared the stage with many Southern gospel groups and contemporary artists such as: The Martins, The Hoppers, The Nelons, The Issaacs, Dixie Melody Boys, The Florida Boys, Legacy Five, Leon Patillo, Janet Pascal, Lisa Daggs, Natalie Grant, Carman, and Shane and Shane.

Joyce has spent the last twelve years creating and producing an easy-to-use, fundamental, interactive, Bible curriculum called: *UpWord Kids*. Through a variety of fun segments like: drama skits, puppets scripts, Bible and real life stories, interactive games, and object lessons children become fascinated with the Bible. The truths of the Word of God are presented in ways that children can understand and apply it to their everyday lives. Currently the scope and sequence includes 144 lessons. It is formatted to be used in a variety of weekly programs such as: Children's Church, Mid-Week programs, Home Bible Study Groups, Home-school groups, or any time you need a program for mixed ages and have limited volunteers.

One of Joyce's favorite verses is: Psalms 71:18b (NCV): "I will tell the children about Your power; I will tell those who live after me about Your might."



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