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## 13 Ways to Have a More Joyful Day

- 1. Ask permission first. Hug a loved-one for 45 seconds. (This reduces cortisone, the stress hormone. And it releases oxytocin, a bonding, nurturing, love hormone.)
- 2. Call a friend and plan a fun outing.
- 3. Paint the inside of a drawer you use frequently, a door, or a backsplash with your favorite color or colors. Make it pop!
- 4. Video your pet doing something funny. And then share it with your people.
- 5. Think of the nicest thing you ever said to a friend. Now, say it to yourself.
- 6. What are you grateful for? Notice something that you appreciate about someone. And thank them.
- 7. Skip watching the news for a day.
- 8. Make something. A doodle. A cupcake. Some popcorn. A paper airplane. An origami bird. A funny face in the mirror. A splash in a puddle. Anything.
- 9. Remember a time when someone forgave you. Now, try forgiving someone. Forgiving is not saying what happened is okay. But rather, it frees us of negative emotions.
- 10. Think of a recent or past success you had. Keep thinking about it.
- 11. Find something nice that you own and don't use. Take it to your favorite shelter. Someone will need it, and someone will love it.
- 12. Don't wait for the world to change. Be the change you want to see. Even if seems like a small thing. I know, it's cliché! But it works.
- 13. Visit my website. I made a nature slideshow for you. The pictures are beautiful. Just like you. <u>www.jaceyyunkercounseling.com</u>.

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