

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY GUIDE

TODAY'S STORY: Jesus Enters Jerusalem

TEACHING TRUTH: Jesus is the Savior God promised

ACTIVITY 1: STORY REVIEW – Palm Leaf

SUPPLIES: Paper, scissors, glue or tape, marker or green paint, popsicle stick

1. Make a green palm leaf. You can either paint your child's hand with green paint and help him make several handprints in the shape of a palm leaf or trace your child's hand on green paper several times.
2. Cut out the handprints and help your child attach them onto white paper in the shape of a palm leaf using glue or tape.
3. Cut away the excess white paper so you are left with the shape of a palm leaf. If you want, you can tape a popsicle stick to the end of your palm leaf as branch for your child to hold on to.
4. Review the story by reading it from John 12:12-16, your favorite children's Bible, or by retelling it in your own words. When you get to the part when the people waved palm branches for Jesus when He entered Jerusalem, have your child wave his palm branch, too.

ACTIVITY 2: TEACHING TRUTH REVIEW – Jesus is the Savior God promised

SUPPLIES: Stuffed animals and dolls, broom, palm branch (from previous activity)

1. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, it was sort of like a parade. Have your child line up stuffed animals or dolls in a row like they are watching a parade.
2. Take turns with your child pretending to be Jesus in the parade or in the crowd watching Jesus. Use a broom stick for the donkey for Jesus to ride upon. Wave the palm branch your child made in Activity 1 and shout, "Hosanna!" as Jesus rides by.

ACTIVITY 3: MEMORY VERSE REVIEW – Romans 5:8 – Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Memory verse song (on the Preschool Kids Kit page), a ball

1. Sit in a circle on the floor.
2. Explain that you will sing along with the memory verse song and carefully pass the ball while the music plays.
3. Stop the music when the verse is over.
4. Whoever has the ball when the music stops will stand and shout the verse address (Romans 5:8).
5. **OPTION:** Instead of using the song, a grownup can say the verse one word at a time. With each word, pass the ball to the next person. Whoever has the ball at the end will stand and say the verse address.