

Home Lesson: Palm Sunday -Mark 11:1-11

Date: April 5, 2020

PRAY: Dear God, help us celebrate Jesus today as our king; in Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Warm Up Activity:

SAY: Jesus rode into Jerusalem humbly on a colt, but the crowd saw a king. People waved palm branches and placed their coats on the ground.

(Younger Elementary Puzzle):

Cut the pieces apart and put them together in the correct order to see what the people shouted when they saw Jesus.

(Older Elementary Puzzle):

Have the kids solve the words in the rebus to discover what the crowd shouted when they saw Jesus. (parents: you will find the answer at the end of the resources)

EXPLORE

Internet or Dictionary Search

Have the children look up the word; Hosanna and discuss. Have them find Jerusalem on a map and talk about the environment and climate.

Learn the Bible Story (Mark 11:1-11)

Have the children get out their Bibles and find the book of Mark. They can use the table of contents if they are not sure where it is. Ask if it's in the old or new testament to aid in recognition.

SAY: Find the book of Mark and we'll read about Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

- Read Mark 11:1-11
- (There is also a video of the story you can watch as well. [Youtube Palm Sunday video](#))

Questions to ask and discuss:

Why did Jesus ride in on a colt? How would a king usually arrive to a new town?

What happened in the story to tell you the people thought Jesus was a king?

How do you think the crowd believed Jesus would set up his kingdom?

How do you celebrate Jesus as your king?

Story in a Can (or bucket) – Game

Set out a container (bucket, coffee can, small box). Mark a starting line across the room from the container. Take turns standing at the start and attempting to bounce a ball into the

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container. If you miss, you must name something that happened in the Bible story. If you are successful, shout "Hosanna!"

Palm Craft

Pick one of the palm making options below to do or make one up yourself! Be creative and display your work in your window to show everyone.

Prayer: Dear God, we praise you for giving us Jesus. Help us celebrate him as king every day of our lives; In Jesus' name, Amen

Palm Making Activity Options:

Fan folded Palm

<https://www.sundayschoolkids.com/activities-lent-easter/1-fanpalm-to-color-activity.htm>

Make your own palm sun catcher (using crayon shavings, wax paper and an iron)

<https://www.freekidscrafts.com/palm-leaf-crayon-sun-catcher/>



Scrap paper palm

- Use whatever green scraps of paper you might have lying around (tissue, construction, magazines, scrapbook paper) and cut them into small squares.
- Use these squares to make a palm branch on a white piece of paper. Be creative!

Red Ted Art has a page on making a paper leaf. It's small so I would increase the size for our palms. It does have a video which can be helpful.

<https://www.redtedart.com/easy-paper-leaf/>



Other Activity Ideas:

1. The Road to Easter – activity for kids to either glue preprinted on the road as they occurred or to write specific word in each space. [Activity sheet](#)
2. Variety of activities that can be used during Holy Week (or as we prepare)
<https://childrensministry.com/10-holy-week-activities/>

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3. DIY Resurrection eggs: <https://lifeyourway.net/diy-ressurrection-eggs-easter-story-book-printables/>

Puzzles and Other options:

1. Word Search: <https://gaddynippercrayons.com/palm-sunday/palm-sunday-coloring-pages-free/>
2. Maze: (could stump your kids)
<http://www.biblewise.com/kids/images/fun/donkey Ride.pdf>
3. Yet another maze: [Palm Sunday Maze](#)
4. Bingo game for preschool/early elementary: [Christian Preschool Printables](#)

FOOD

I primarily include this for the resurrection rolls and cookies but there are other ideas here as well! <https://www.icanteachmychild.com/christ-centered-easter-activities-and-crafts/>

One recipe for making unleavened bread with kids. [Bread recipe](#)

Answer to the rebus:

Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!