Home Lesson: Palm Sunday preschool – 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 - (preschool)

SAY: When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt, the children waved palm branches to honor Jesus. Look for the matching palm branches in your picture and draw lines between them.

- Allow time for the children to work on their pictures.

**Make a palm branch (or donkey) to be used during the Bible lesson! See from the list of options on the resource page.

EXPLORE

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

SAY: Our story today is in the New Testament.

- Read Mark 11:1-11
- Video of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem YouTube Video

Questions to ask and discuss:

Why animal did Jesus ride into town on? Do you know why?

What did the crowd do to show that they thought Jesus was a king?

What would you have shouted at Jesus if you had been part of the crowd in Jerusalem?

Close your eyes and imagine yourself in Jerusalem that day. What do you see? What do you hear?

Clothes Relay – Game

- Designate one area of a room as the city of Jerusalem. On the opposite side of the room place a pile of clean clothes (or play outfits)
- Say that we are going to have a "race" to get to Jerusalem (tell them that they need to walk quickly and not actually run)
- Have the child quickly walk to the pile of clothes, choose an item or two and put it on.
- Walk quickly to Jerusalem to celebrate the new king. Have them take off the clothes item they just put on and lay it on the ground for Jesus.
- Shout "Hosanna!"

Song – Hosanna Rock. Get up and dance! You tube song

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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

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Resource ideas for this lesson and the week to come:

Ideas for making palms:

What's Palm Sunday without a palm craft (or two)! Here are several ideas for making palms depending on what your child likes or what you have available. (You can do a search and find a bunch more options) Enjoy!

Hand print palms:

- Trace your child's hand onto green construction paper or other green paper (if you don't have any green paper, use white! Your child can color the hands green themselves).
- Cut out several handprints.
- Glue them onto a craft stick
- Wave them and dance around

Construction paper and pipe cleaners (has a template and directions on how to make)
http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpalm.htm

Other crafts:

1. This website has information on making a palm craft as well as a cute donkey and pop up scene (templates available)
   https://www.childrenandyouth.co.uk/children/childrens-session-palm-sunday/

2. Printouts of Jesus and a donkey you can use for the Bible story:
   http://www.drawn2bcreative.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Palm-Sunday-Jesus-on-a-Donkey-3D-Printable.pdf
3. If you haven't made the Resurrection eggs yet, do it now!
   https://lifeyourway.net/diy-ressurection-eggs-easter-story-book-printables/

Games

1. Simple matching game: print out and glue on cardstock, paperboard or whatever you have on hand! Game

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2. Bingo game for preschool/early elementary: Christian Preschool Printables
3. Variety of activities that can be used during Holy Week (or as we prepare) https://childrensministry.com/10-holy-week-activities/

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

DRAW – Get out a large sheet of paper or butcher paper. Have your child draw a picture everyday to remember all the events of Holy Week.