

Crowds Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem

Good morning boys and girls. Today's bible lesson comes from the book of Matthew. This passage is about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, which is often called Palm Sunday.

The Bible point for today is **We praise Jesus** and the memory verse comes from Revelation 5:12

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+5%3A12&version=NIV>

- **Read the Bible passage from Matthew 21:1-11**
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21%3A1-11&version=NIV>
- **Here is a video on YouTube that you can watch of today's story:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>
- **Discuss the questions below with your family**
**These questions are meant to guide you and your children in discussing the lesson and understanding how it applies to you today. Please feel free to come up with your own questions to further expand on the lesson or help your children if they have difficulty in answering the guided questions.*

1. In what ways do Jesus' instructions to borrow something seem strange?

2. Why did the people lay down palm branches and cloaks for Jesus?
3. What does the word “praise” mean?
4. What are ways we praise Jesus in worship?
5. Why does Jesus deserve our praise?
6. How can we make praise a part of our everyday life?

- **Follow up with the following activities:**

Today’s craft is a reminder of our Bible point that there are many ways **we can praise Jesus**. We praise Jesus because of who He is – Jesus is God, He’s perfect and He chose to give up His life for us. Two Sundays ago we even learned about a special gift that Jesus gives us, which is eternal life 😊

Spend a few minutes praising God today by singing songs or if you prefer you can also write down 5 things God has done for you and thank Him.

Here are a few song selections, you can sing along or listen to these YouTube links:

Worthy Is the Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXUiO-BV21I>

O Praise Him

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMo33CC8kv8>

I Give You My Hallelujah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NbsCyNIMCE>

I Got Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pIEO_MgXZ8

This simple craft activity can be done at home. You will need....

- Green construction paper
- Popsicle sticks
- String
- Scissors
- Scotch tape or masking tape

If you don't have any of the above supplies, feel free to get creative and make your own version of palm branches! 😊

For example, if you don't have popsicle sticks, you can use anything else that is a little sturdy to hold up the palm branches like rolled up paper bags or newspaper or cut up some cardboard.

If you want to use different paper such as green cardstock or even just white paper and colour it all green, that should work too!

You will be making palm branches out of your very own hand! All you need to do is trace your hands on green construction paper. Do it several times until you get 8-10 leaves.

Then you can make a sign like the photo below that says:

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,
“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

John 12:13

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