

Children's Ministries Lesson – Twos/Toddlers
Jesus' Triumphal Entry - Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11
April 5, 2020

Children's Ministries purpose is **to build a spiritual foundation in each child that lasts a lifetime.**

We hope this lesson provides additional opportunities for your family to strengthen your relationship with each other and with Jesus. This lesson has components of both Children's Church and Sunday School fused together.

As you prepare for this lesson and the space you will use, please gather supplies, create a worship focal point (ideas: A Bible, a cross, a candle and an offering container), and remove other distractions from the area. Read through this lesson before beginning. *Wording in **BLUE *italics*** is information for the family leader(s). **BLACK *italics*** are actions to do.*

With love, from your Children's Ministries Team and Worship Leaders, Ashley Hymel, Thanushka Lewkebandara and Tina Throckmorton.

BIBLE STORY POINT: Let's shout "Hooray for Jesus". He came to love us all.

SUPPLIES: Worship focal points: Bible, cross, candle and offering container; link to worship songs; link to Bible story video; jackets, scarves or towels from around your home; branch with leaves (from bush/plant outside); broom/stick

FAMILY CHANT: *During Sunday School, your children begin with a "class chant". To bring that to your home, create a family chant that you can say each time. Create your own or use this one. The chant helps connect mind with body and connects everyone together. Motions/actions are in parentheses.*

Let's create our own family "chant" as we begin our time together. Repeat what I say and do.

I reach up (*reach both hands up to the sky*) I reach up (**reach both hands up to the sky**)

I reach down (*reach both hands down to their toes*) I reach down (**reach both hands down to their toes**)

I share a smile to everyone (*smile at each other*) I share a smile to everyone (**smile at each other**)

I see you (*point to each other*) I see you (**point to each other**)

You see me (*point to self*) You see me (**point to self**)

Together we make the [*insert family name*] family. (*put arms around each other's shoulders - form a huddle*)

Together we make the [*insert family name*] family. (*put arms around each other's shoulders - form a huddle*)

OPENING PRAISE SONGS:

Supplies: Select the links for Praise and worship Music (use one or both links)

1. ["Greeting Song" & "Hosanna"](#) (Tina Throckmorton, Sunday School Music Teacher)



2. ["Hosanna Rock"](#) (Ashley & Thanushka Lewkebandara, Contemporary & Children's Church Worship Leaders)



OFFERTORY:

Determine where your offering will go. You may select an organization of your choice, or save it until we return to Sunday School/Children's Church to give to our current mission, or add it to your 75th anniversary piggy bank. The scripture below is the scripture we use each Sunday during our Offertory time.

Let us say this scripture together. "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

PRAYER:

Now, let us say The Lord's Prayer as an "echo" prayer. I will say some words and you repeat them with me.

Our Father, **Our Father**,
who art in heaven, **who art in heaven**,
hallowed be thy name. **hallowed be thy name**.
Thy kingdom come, **Thy kingdom come**,
thy will be done **thy will be done**
on earth as it is in heaven. **on earth as it is in heaven**.
Give us this day **Give us this day**
our daily bread. **our daily bread**.
And forgive us our trespasses, **And forgive us our trespasses**,
as we forgive those **as we forgive those**
who trespass against us. **who trespass against us**.
And lead us not **And lead us not**
into temptation, into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. **but deliver us from evil**.
For thine is the kingdom, **For thine is the kingdom**,
and the power, **and the power**,
and the glory, forever. **and the glory, forever**.
Amen. **Amen**.

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE STORY:

What sound does a donkey make? *Hee-haw*

What sound does a horse make? *Neigh*

Go through a few more animals – whatever you prefer.

Remind me, what sound does a donkey make? *Hee-haw*

Today, our Bible story is about a special day called Palm Sunday. The people celebrated Jesus. Jesus rode into town on a donkey to celebrate with all the people! Let's learn what they did.

BIBLE STORY

Supplies: jackets, scarves or towels to wear; [Click here](#) for Bible story video link;

(The Bible story is "Palm Sunday", page 199 from The Big Bible Storybook, by Maggie Barfield and illustrated by Mark and Anna Carpenter.

Put on the jackets, scarves or towels, if desired. You will remove them during the activity below). Watch the Bible story video:



Questions:

1. What kind of animal did Jesus ride? (*donkey*)
2. What sound does a donkey make? (*hee-haw*)
3. The people put their coats on the ground to make a soft walking spot for Jesus and the donkey.
4. What did they shout when they saw Jesus? (*"Hooray for Jesus!"*)
5. Let's shout, "Hooray for Jesus"! Let's shout it three times! Ready, set, GO!

ACTIVITY TO REINFORCE THE BIBLE STORY

Supply: jackets, scarves or towels from around the house, branch with leaves for each of you (from a bush or tree outside), broom/stick

1. Remove your jackets, scarves or towels, and place them on the floor to create a walking path for Jesus.
2. Choose someone to be Jesus. Give him/her the stick (donkey) on which to ride through Jerusalem.
3. Give the remaining family members branches and ask them to line up on either side of the path.
4. Wave branches and shout, "Hooray for Jesus!" as "Jesus" walks on the path.

Repeat a few times, switching roles, as desired.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, Thank you for our church and our family. We loved the Palm Sunday Bible story. We shout, "Hooray for Jesus", too. Help us share your love with others today and every day. We love you! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

Supplies: [Click here](#) for closing song, "We Will Worship" (Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara)

Play the closing song.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – to continue our worship all week!

Healthcare Cards: Please consider making one or more cards for our local healthcare workers. Snap or scan a picture and email it to: HealthcareCard@stlukesmethodist.org. We will share them with some of our local heroes. **Thank you!**