



Twos

October 2013

Palm Sunday

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 21:1-11 (Beginner's Bible p. 427)

Jesus is the Perfect King

WHERE TO FIND IT

MAIN POINT

schedule

This is a recommended schedule. You can adjust, but do make time for the lesson and the activity!

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| 15 minutes | Check in and play time |
| 5 minutes | Clean up toys |
| 10 minutes | Prayer/sing/snack |
| 5 minutes | Lesson/story time |
| 10 minutes | Lesson activity/craft |
| 5 minutes | Song time |
| 10 minutes | Play and clean up time |

tips

The Journey begins in October. For the 6-week series, Kids' Club will be focusing on the same main topics as adults. This starts as young as two-year-olds! And because we repeat lessons with two-year-olds for a month, twos are getting a jump-start.

check-in/out

On the weeks designated for activity #1, be sure to place a **crown sticker** on each child prior to check-out. This will help kids remember what they learned and give parents a way to interact with their child about the lesson. (And, what two-year-old doesn't love wearing stickers?!)

large group heads up

Palm Sunday was an exciting day; people cheered and celebrated that Jesus was King. Help kids excitedly praise Jesus today!



connect time

No connect time for twos



instructions

Goal: To help kids get excited that Jesus is the Perfect King

Why? Understanding that Jesus is King is foundational in having a relationship with Jesus. We want to start laying this foundation in kids when they're young!

Tip: Normally, we do each activity twice, but alternate weeks. For the next couple months, we're going to try doing the same activity two weeks in a row. Make sure you check the activity dates!

small group

*Give kids a snack and begin reviewing the story.

REVIEW

1. In today's story, what animal did Jesus ride on? (donkey)
2. What did the people in Jerusalem do as Jesus rode into town? (They waved palm branches and laid them down in front of Jesus.)
3. What were people shouting? ("Hosanna" or "Hooray!") Can you say it with me? 1-2-3 "Hooray!"
4. Why were people shouting and laying down palm branches? (They were so excited that Jesus is King.)

ACTIVITIES

#1: ACT IT OUT!

October 5-6, 2013

October 12-13, 2013

You have a **stuffed donkey** in your room. Have kids sit at the tables and give each kid a **green strip of construction paper**. Tell them to pretend this is part of a palm leaf. Have the kids wave their palm strips and lay them down on the table as you make the donkey ride over them. Have them celebrate, saying, "Jesus is King" and "Hooray!"

Send each child home with their palm strip. To encourage conversation at home, place a **crown sticker** on each child prior to check-out, reminding them that Jesus is King.

If you have extra time, keep the celebration going! You can have the kids stand or sit in two lines forming an aisle while you walk the donkey down the center and they wave the palm branches. Kids can take turns "being" the donkey as well! Have fun with it!

Supplies needed:

Green construction paper strips
Donkey
Crown Stickers

#2: DIY CROWNS!

October 19-20, 2013
October 26-27, 2013

Today we learned that Jesus is King. So, we're going to decorate crowns to help us remember what we learned. Set **crayons** down on the tables and give each child a **crown**. When they're finished decorating, secure the connection with **tape**. Be sure each child brings their crown home.

Supplies needed:

Crayons
DIY Crowns
Tape

special notes

Palm Sunday is a great celebration! Set the tone of your room so that kids grasp how exciting it is that Jesus is King.

presenter tips

Today's story from the Bible isn't very long, and repetition is great for two-year-olds. Consider reading the story twice before reviewing it.

script

Presenter: Hold up the **Bible** and ask, "Does anyone know what this is?" That's right! It's a Bible. And the Bible is a very special book because God gave it to us. And the best part? It's all true!

Today, we're going to read the story of Palm Sunday. This is when Jesus announced that he is King. It was a really exciting day! Are you ready to hear the story? Great!

Read the story in the Beginner's Bible (p. 427-431).

When you get to page 430, act it out! Hold up the **stuffed donkey** and wave the **large palm branch** in front of it.

Page 431 – People were so happy to see Jesus that they were cheering for him. Can you cheer with me? On the count of three, we're going to say, "Hooray!" Ready? 1-2-3, Hooray!" People also said, "Hosanna." Can you guys say, "Hosanna?"

Now we're going to pray to Jesus. Say: Hi God! Thanks for being the King. We love you. Amen!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

None needed

small group supplies

October 5-6, October 12-13:

Green construction paper strips (1/child)
Stuffed donkey (per room)
Crown stickers (1 / child)

October 19-20, October 26-27

Crayons
DIY Crowns IN-48/8331
Tape

large group supplies

Beginner's Bible (mark p. 427)
Stuffed donkey
1 Large palm branch

a/v needs

None needed

connect questions

Tell me about the Perfect King.
How did people cheer for the King?

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