

PALM SUNDAY LESSON



Here is a brief lesson about Palm Sunday that you can share with your children this week. It contains the following elements:

- Parent background info on the story
- Scripture references
- Palm Sunday video link
- Sample agenda

PARENT BACKGROUND

The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday—the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as the King of kings the week of Passover. Many of God’s people traveled to Jerusalem for Passover. Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem as well. Near Beth phage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead into a village.

Jesus told them, “You will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” Jesus would fulfill Zechariah’s prophecy: “Look, your King is coming to you ... humble and riding on a donkey” (Zech. 9:9).

Jesus made a spectacular entrance into the city. He rode a donkey, and people laid branches and their robes on the ground in front of Him. The people welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem believed He was the promised Messiah, but they expected Him to overthrow Roman oppression and set up an earthly throne. Jesus sent a different message. He came to save the world from sin and to rule in our hearts.

As you prepare for and celebrate Easter, help kids connect the dots between God’s promises of a Messiah and Jesus’ coming. Help them understand why Jesus came:
to save the world from sin!

SAMPLE AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introduce Story—*use background content*
3. Read Scripture—*select one or two versions from the list. Take turns reading aloud or the parent may read.*
4. Watch the video—*scan the QR code below*
5. Discuss—*play a guessing game using clues to key people in the story and see who can guess the correct person.*

Clues and answers below.

- Jesus sent us into a village. (*two disciples; Matt. 21:1; Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29*)
 - We put our robes on the donkey. (*the disciples; Matt. 21:7; Mark 11:7; Luke 19:35*)
 - We placed robes and palm branches along the road. (*the people; Matt. 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:36; John 12:13*)
 - We wanted the disciples to be quiet. (*the religious leaders, Luke 19:39*)
6. Activity: Act out the story using the below information:
- Roles needed for story: Jesus, donkey, disciples, crowd, religious leaders
 - Roles needed for just Jesus entry: Jesus, donkey, crowd
 - Props needed: Tree branches or strips of green paper, coats and/or blankets, praise music

7. Closing Prayer

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

| Matthew 21:1-11 | Mark 11:1-10 | Luke 19:28-40 | John 12:12-19

