

# Palm Sunday

## Lesson and Activities

### Read & Discuss

Read the scripture/retell the Bible story of Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem found in Matthew 21:1-11

(youtube link for older kids/adults to understand the significance of the triumphal entry- parental supervision on Youtube.com is recommended

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSY0YN5aQwE&feature=youtu.be>)

Questions to Discuss:

What did the people do and say as they saw Jesus riding on the donkey? vs.8-11

Why were the people so excited?

What were they expecting Jesus to do?

Compare the expectation of the crowd for Jesus to come and save them with what Jesus accomplished with his death and resurrection.

This is one of the few places where the Gospels record Jesus' glory being recognized on earth. Jesus declared himself as king and the people joined him. But these same people turn their backs on Jesus in just a few days.

Why does Jesus deserve praise and glory?

**Pray as a family**

**Memory Verse** John 3:16

For God So loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. That whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

## Activities

### Make a Paper Palm Leaf

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpalm.htm>

### Role play Jesus' Triumphant Entry

As a family act out the story

Roles: Donkey, Jesus, Crowd

### Build the Road to Jerusalem

Using blocks, paper, people, and leaves. Practice retelling the story as kids are interested.



### Palm Sunday Song: Royal Road

#### **You'll need:**

- masking tape,
- broom

Make a masking tape road on the floor. Provide a broom for the children to turn upside-down and take turns riding as if it were a donkey.

Teach children the song "Jesus Came" to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." Then let kids take turns riding on the "donkey" up one side of the road and down the other. Encourage the other children to follow behind and sing the song while marching and clapping. When everyone has had a turn riding the donkey, have the group sit in a circle.

Sing:

**Jesus came into the town**

**A-riding on a donkey.**

**Clap and sing and shout and praise**

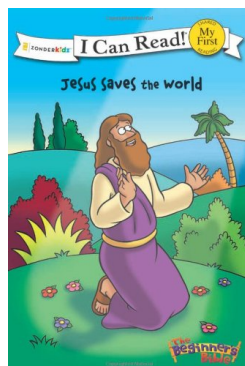
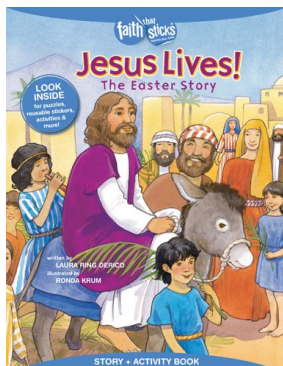
**To Jesus who sure loves us!**

**Jesus Christ is Lord of all, Jesus is our king!**

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Say: **It's fun to sing songs to Jesus. Jesus is the greatest king in the whole world, and we can give him our praises.**

As you have time this week, begin reading and telling your kids the rest of the Easter story, found in Matthew 26-28 or by reading picture books that tell the Biblical account of Easter.



Use the items inside "Resurrection Eggs" or create your own "Resurrection Story Stones" to use as you retell the Easter Story.

- Allow kids to play with/hold the items as you read or tell the Easter Story.

- Children take turns telling the Easter Story in their own words using the items/stones as reminders.
- Hide the Resurrection Eggs/Story Stones and go on a scavenger hunt. Tell the meaning of each item as it's found.
- Practice sequencing by placing the items in order the events happened.

Free Printable of Resurrection Eggs : <https://brookegrangard.com/make-your-own-resurrection-eggs-for-easter-diy-for-kids/>



## RESURRECTION STORY STONES DIRECTIONS

Take your time as you draw and paint your stones, but remember, they don't need to be complicated.

- After gathering all of the supplies, you will first rinse the stones in warm water. Set the stones on a towel and allow them to dry completely.
- Use a pencil to sketch the design onto the stone.
- Use paint pens, markers, or colored pencils to color the stones.
- Use a black to outline the painted stone.
- Allow any paint to dry completely.
- You are now ready to use your stones to narrate a story. You can even flip them over and write words, or verse references, on the back of the stones.
- Allow to dry completely before storing your stones.
- If you'd like to protect your stones for many uses, use [Mod Podge](#) or [Mod Podge Acrylic Sealer](#).

## RESURRECTION STORY STONES STORY LINE

For younger children simplify to just a few stones.

1. A palm frond- Palm branches were waved during Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem.
2. Loaf of bread and cup – Jesus shared bread and drink with his followers at the Last Supper.
3. Praying hands – Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
4. Silver coins – Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins.
5. Sword- Peter, one of Jesus; disciples (friends) drew his sword to defend Jesus and cut off one the bad soldiers ears. Jesus restored the ear before He was led away.
6. Braided rope-Jesus was whipped.

7. Crown of thorns – The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head.
8. Purple robe- Jesus wore a purple robe and the crown of thorns when presented by Pilate to the crowd.
9. Single cross – The crowd yelled, "Crucify him."
10. Nails- Nails were driven into Jesus' hands and feet.
11. Three crosses- Jesus was crucified with criminals on either side
12. Dice – The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes.
13. Sponge – Jesus was given a sponge (with vinegar) while on the cross.
14. Spear- A soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear.
15. Stone – A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb opening.
16. Empty Tomb – Jesus has risen from the grave and now sits at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us!!