

Catch The Fire

Kids Lesson

April 5, 2020

Dear Parent(s),

We trust you are having a faith filled week as you adjust to this new season we are living in. This week we wanted to put tools in your hand to assist you in teaching your children about Easter and all the things that Jesus did that make this week so special. Below you will find the lesson for Palm Sunday along with nine other activities you can do with your children leading up to Resurrection Sunday. Palm Sunday and Jesus Triumphant entry into Jerusalem was just the start of a life changing week. Easter season is also a wonderful time to talk to your child about accepting Jesus as their Savior, and to take communion together as a family.

Our prayer is that our children will encounter the transforming presence of God in their lives this week. We are praying for you, as you champion your children at home.

Susan Wertheimer

Palm Sunday

Here is a great song to help celebrate this season.

[Story of the Cross by Rend Collective](#)

Elementary Lesson

Bible Story: Palm Sunday

- The story can be found throughout the gospels. We encourage you to read from the different passages this week. John 12, Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19

Watch The Following Video together

[Superbook - Episode 10 - The Last Supper](#)

Memory Verses:

“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet He is humble, riding on a donkey – riding on a donkey’s colt.” Zechariah 9:9 NLT

Elementary Big Ideas:

Help your child to see that:

- Jesus is the Messiah.
- Jesus is God’s son, the one who was sent to save us. (John 3:16)
- Jesus came to serve others
- Jesus didn’t come to save the nation of Israel from the Romans two thousand years ago. He didn’t come to be their King. **He is the King of everything**, and He came to save everybody in the world – for all time – from a life without God’s love.

Family Questions:

1. Who was the story about?

2. What are some of the things that happened in the story?

3. How did they welcome Jesus in to Jerusalem?

Answer: By waving palm branches and yelling, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord!’”

4. How did Jesus serve His disciples?

Answer: By washing their feet

5. What did Chris learn from the story?

It is not about me, it’s about everyone else.

Preschool Lesson

Bible Story: Palm Sunday – John 12, Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19

- Read the Bible Story to your child from their Bible.

Watch The Following Video together:

[The Donkey and the King](#)

Memory Verse:

Psalm 102 – “Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him singing with Joy!”

Questions for Preschoolers:

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?

2. What was the Preschool Big Idea?

A: We can worship God anytime, anywhere.

3. How can you worship God?

Answer: I give God all of me

4. What did the picture passes mean?

Singing Mouth – We use our mouths to sing songs to God and get the worship in our hearts out.

Waving Hands – Waving our hands shows that we want to be close to God.

Walking Feet – God gave me my feet, so no matter where I go, I can worship God.

Palm Sunday and other Easter Activities

DIY – Palm Branches

Help the children trace and cut out several copies of their handprints on green paper. Then, glue them to Popsicle sticks to create “palm branches.” Allow them to wave their palm branches to help enforce what the people of the town were doing when Jesus rode in on the donkey. They can wave them while your read the Bible Story or they can wave them to worship music.

Pin the Tail on the Donkey

This is an old favorite, but Palm Sunday is the PERFECT time to play this game. After all, Jesus did get to town with the help of a donkey! This is a simple, easy way to help your kids remember the Easter story. This is a fun activity for the whole family.

Family Life Resources

This company created the Easter Resurrections Eggs. This resource has fifty-five pages of Easter week games, crafts and even fun recipes that teach us about Easter. This resource all has word searches, coloring pages, dot-to-dot pages, etc., that go through all twelve of the Resurrections Eggs. Your kids will enjoy these pages.

[Easter Resources - Fun for the Kids!](#)

DIY Resurrection Eggs

One of the best ways to share the Easter story with kids is by making Resurrection Eggs. Inside of each plastic egg is a symbol of the Easter story. Kids get excited to see what is inside of the Egg and it is a great interactive way to tell the Bible Story. You can make the set of Resurrection Eggs and then have your own egg hunt at home. I recommend placing small numbers on the eggs so you know what order to open them in. These set can also be purchased on Amazon.

For DIY Resurrection Eggs here is what you need:

- 12 plastic eggs & an egg carton
- a small leaf to represent a palm branch at Jesus’ triumphal entry
- 3 quarters to represent the 30 pieces of silver that Judas Iscariot received

- a thimble to represent a cup at the Last Super
- a tiny piece of paper rolled into a scroll to represent Jesus' prayer in the garden
- a piece of leather or thick fabric to represent the soldier's whipping Jesus
- a tiny crown made from grass or a flower stem to represent the crown of thorns
- 2 nails to represent the nails and cross
- a die to represent the soldier's casting lots for Jesus' clothes
- a toothpick with one end broken off to represent the spear piercing Jesus' side
- a piece of cheesecloth or thin fabric to represent Joseph wrapping Jesus in clean linen cloth
- a rock to represent the stone rolled in front of the tomb
- an empty egg to represent the empty tomb

Optional items:

- a cut out picture of a donkey to represent the donkey Jesus rode in the triumphant entry
- a small piece of bread to represent the bread during the Last Super
- a feather to represent Peters denial of Jesus
- a small piece of sponge for when Jesus was thirsty on the cross
- several cloves to represent the spices they used to anoint Jesus' body at burial

Benjamin's Box Book

This is a beautiful story of the Resurrection Eggs. The book is available in a Kindle Edition with Audio/Video on Amazon for \$1.99 right now.

Glow In The Dark Easter Egg Hunt

This is always a big hit! If you already have eggs on hand from past years, the simplest method is placing small *glow sticks* or *finger lights* inside the eggs. You can order these on Amazon, or Walmart has mini glow sticks in the birthday party aisle. You can do your Egg Hunt inside where you can control the lighting or you can do this outside. The indoor version is something they will want to do over and over again

Family Declarations:

Help you children to write out two or three sentences declaring who they believe Jesus is to them. If you have craft supplies available they can make their own posters of their declarations and hang them where they will see them every day.

(Samples)

- *I declare that Jesus is my Savior.*
- *I declare that Jesus is the one whom God sent to save us from our sins so we could know God.*
- *I declare that Jesus died on the cross for my sins!*

Family Easter Soaking Time:

The Bible tells us that right before Jesus was betrayed He was on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane praying. He was finding a place where he could get alone and talk to His Heavenly Father. Jesus could have filled His time doing something else, but He found it valuable to spend these hours with His Father. This Easter week find a comfy, cozy spot to have a quiet time. Invite Holy Spirit to come and speak to you. As you enter into a soaking time with your kids put on some soft worship music encourage them to ask God these questions. Give them paper and markers to write or draw out what they feel the Father is saying to them.

Preschool – Jesus show me how much you love me.

Elementary – Jesus when you died on the cross what were you thinking about me?

Preschool and Elementary – Jesus show me how to love other people.

Bonus Video and Lesson for Preschool - Good Friday

Bible Story: It is Finished

- Read the Bible Story to your child from their Bible.

Watch The Following Video together

[It is Finished](#)

Memory Verse: John 13:34, “Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”

Questions for Preschoolers:

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
2. What was the Preschool Big Idea?

Answer: When we believe that Jesus died and rose again and follow him, We are friends with God and God’s friends are filled with God’s love.

3. How did Jesus show His love?

Answer: Jesus took all our punishment when He died on the cross and He came back to life three days later.

4. How do I love Jesus?

Answer: I show love to everyone.

Have a conversation about how we can show love to everyone practically.