

Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday



Hosanna, to the Son of David.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children's Bible you have in your home.

Read: Matthew 21: 1-11

Activities and Background:

1. Make or find your own palms. The people of Jesus' time pulled palm branches off to wave because that was the type of tree around them in that region and was used to hail a king. I wonder what we would wave if Jesus came to Danville? Evergreen branches or oak branches. Some threw their coats down on the ground which was a custom of welcoming a king.

Older exploration: Read Zechariah 9:9; 2 Kings 9:11-13.

Compare to today's scripture.

I wonder what this tells of Jesus' Messiahship?

I wonder what this says about the type of Messiah they expected?

2. Have a parade around your house or backyard. Shout "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna" is a cry for help meaning "O save" or "Save Us". "Blessed ..." is a salutation which would have been used to greet a pilgrim coming to a feast. (Remember Jesus is coming to celebrate the Passover.) I wonder what the people shouting "Hosanna" to Jesus were hoping he would save them from? I wonder how Jesus will save? I wonder how Jesus felt?

Older exploration: Read Psalm 118: 26.

"Hosanna" summarizes the Psalmist's plea.

I wonder from what we are asking God to save us?

3. Look at pictures of horses and donkeys. Compare them. How are they alike and different? In Jesus' day, horses were used to carry soldiers in times of war. Donkeys were used by leaders coming in peace. I wonder why? I wonder what use of a donkey says about Jesus?

Older exploration: Read Deuteronomy 21: 1-9.

I wonder why it was important for Jesus to ride on an animal which had never been ridden nor worked?

4. Read the story again from a different Bible. Draw a picture to remind you of the story.
5. Say a prayer together.