



God Doesn't Do Social Distancing

Sunday, April 5, 2020



PARENT TIPS

Things to keep in mind as you lead discussion with your kids:

- **Validate your children's feelings.** Their feelings are real and it's ok for them to feel fear.
- **Don't feel like you have to have all the answers.** (None of us do!) It's ok to say "I don't know. Let's try to find the answer together." It is also ok to sit in the unknown together.
- **To help your children better grasp the story, try reading it together from their Adventure Bible or another children's Bible. If this is not available, we recommend the [NIV](#) or [NirV](#) versions available online.**

Bible Page Numbers

Matthew 21:1-11 – Adventure Bible pg. 1192, Beginners Bible pg. 427, My First Hands On Bible pg. 324



TALK ABOUT IT

Begin your time talking about Palm Sunday.

Ask your kids: What is Palm Sunday? (*when Jesus entered Jerusalem; Jesus came to us; palm branches were placed on Jesus' path; the week before Easter, Jesus rode a donkey, etc.*)

What you say: Palm Sunday is when we celebrate when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem and the people praised Him singing “Hosanna to the Son of David!” and they laid their coats and palm branches on his path to honor Him as their King! The word “Hosanna” means “Please Save Us.” They believed that Jesus would save them. How does Jesus save us?



**SERMON +
WORSHIP**

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set



**ACTIVITY
OPTIONS**

Activity Option 1: Donkey Prints

What You Need:

- Paper (preferably thicker paper)
- Paint—Black, White, Red, Green (preferably washable tempera paint)
- Paper plates or something to put the paint on
- Paintbrush (OPTIONAL)

What You Do:

1. Make grey paint by mixing black and white together.
2. Put each color of paint on separate paper plates OR paint directly on your child's foot

3. Stamp a gray footprint in the middle of your paper
 - ✦ TIP - A wider footprint makes a cuter donkey head, so push the paper onto your foot to stamp some of your child's arch on there.
4. Wash off your child's foot (Bonus: you may use this time to explain when Jesus washed the disciples feet!)
5. Paint the donkey's eyes, nose, hair and ears (if you have a paintbrush you can paint these features on, or you can just finger paint them on!)
 - ✦ TIP - You can make the donkey profile or straight on
6. Paint or finger-paint the word "Hosanna" in red at the top of the page.
7. Stamp green handprints all along the bottom of the page to make "Palm Branches."

What You Say:

Jesus was fulfilling prophecy—years and years before Jesus was born on the earth, the Bible in the Old Testament, told about this event. He was supposed to ride on a donkey's colt—a colt is a young donkey. Can you imagine a big important king riding on a simple little donkey? What about the big army and the fancy horse? That's how a king would come, right? But you see Jesus isn't like any other king. He didn't come so other people would think He was super important. Jesus was the opposite: He came to show love and serve the people. He came to *save* them from all the bad things they had done. And today, we can still be saved because of what Jesus did for us! *(If your kids haven't made the decision to follow Jesus, take this opportunity to talk with them more about it).*



Finger painting is a great sensory activity!

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ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity Option 2: Parachute Palm

What You Need:

- Full size flat sheet
- Leaves from outside

What You Do:

1. Gather your family
2. Head outside with the full sized sheet
3. Spread the sheet out on the ground
4. Gather some leaves around the yard
5. Put the leaves in the middle of sheet
6. Grab each corner and shake the sheet to make a “parachute”
7. Sing “Hosanna” as you “parachute!” (To hear this song, visit our YouTube Channel [“bridgekids”](#))

What You Say:

There was a big crowd surrounding the entrance of Jerusalem. They didn't have paved roads back then, they were dirt. So the crowd showed their respects to Jesus by covering the road with leaves and clothing so that He wouldn't get dirty. They cheered for Jesus with words from the Bible. This was a big victory celebration, and everyone was excited to see what would happen next.

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TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to “draw near to God”? What are some ways that we can do this?
- Pastor Jeff reminded us that it is super important to take time away from the busyness of life and focus on God. How can we put that into practice this week? What is something we could sacrifice in order to spend more time with Jesus?



PRAYER

Prayer:

What you say:

Let's pray and talk to God.

Dear God,

We know that Jesus is the King! Help us to remember to praise and worship him everyday. In Jesus' name, amen.

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MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse:

Parents: We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture. We have provided two different versions to choose from.

James 4:8A (NirV)

“Come near to God, and he will come near to you.”

James 4:8A (ESV)

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”