



STORY (Luke 19:28-40; Mark 11)

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Luke 19 ²⁸ When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. ³¹ And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. ³³ But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of him." ³⁵ Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. ³⁶ And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

Mark 11 ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Luke 19 ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰ But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."



LESSON

Jesus had been preparing his disciples for His death. He knew that after He got to Jerusalem, He would be arrested and crucified.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a time of celebration because it was part of God's plan of salvation, and righteousness.

JESUS IS KING

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, his disciples and the crowd began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice while waving palm leaves: *"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!"*

Whether they understood it or not, the crowds were praising Jesus as their king.

The Pharisees weren't very happy that the crowds were praising Jesus ... whom they saw as only a man. But Jesus told them, even if the crowds didn't praise Him, the stones would cry out as creation cannot deny the fact that Jesus was God.

Imagine the stones on the road shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna!"

JESUS IS OUR SALVATION

The Prophet Zechariah had prophesied about it in Zech 9: 9 *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."*

Jesus' coming into Jerusalem was a time of celebration because He was going to bring God's salvation to His people — Jesus had to come to take our place so that we can have His life in us. He died so that we could live.

JESUS IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (for older kids)

There was another prophecy back in Genesis that talks about the coming of the Saviour. Before Jacob died, he blessed his 12 sons. For Judah, the ancestor of Jesus, he said: ¹⁰ *The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.* ¹¹ *Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.*



Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and the people put their clothes on the donkey and on the ground as he passed by.

In Jacob's blessing, he speaks of the donkey being tied to the choice vine, the best vine. This vine is Jesus (John 15) and the new life He gives us when we are tied to Him.

Jacob also spoke about clothes being washed in the blood of grapes. Our clothes — our own "righteousness" — are filthy rags, torn and dirty. This blood of grapes refers to Jesus' blood — He washes us clean and clothes us in robes of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10).

So let's throw down our own clothes, our filthy rags, and let Jesus wash us clean and call us righteous!

CONCLUSION

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, He knew He was going to be killed. He didn't go in reluctantly or hesitantly. He went in boldly, to the cheers and cries of many. Because He knew that the victory was His already — salvation and redemption has come!

And like the crowds in Jesus' time, and the stones that would have cried out, let's welcome our King and worship Him joyfully!

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 11:9 *"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"*



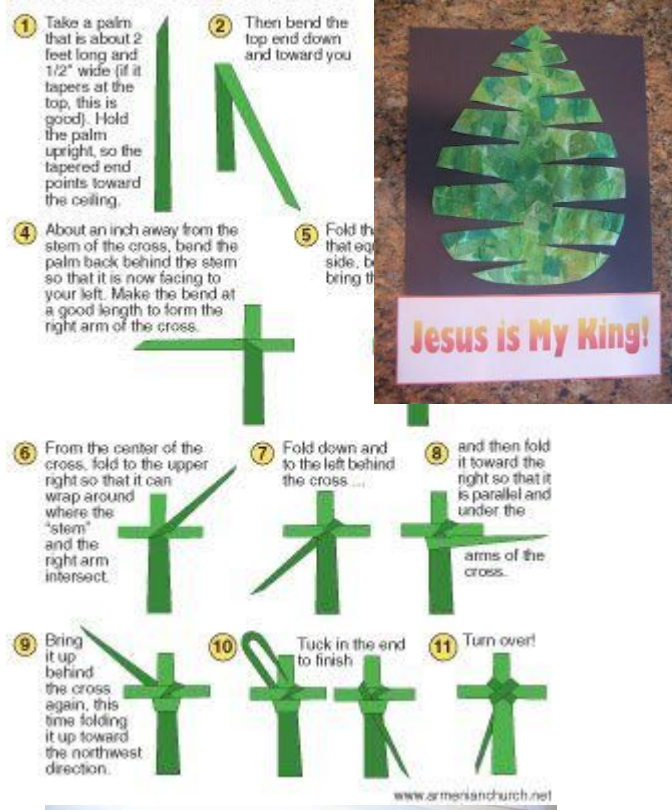
ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Get into small groups. Get to know the kids and pray for them individually.

CRAFT

How to make a palm cross



ACTIVITY IDEAS

https://www.sermons4kids.com/king_is_coming_group_activities.htm

SONG

Jumping up and down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rem79QoAwY> (actions)

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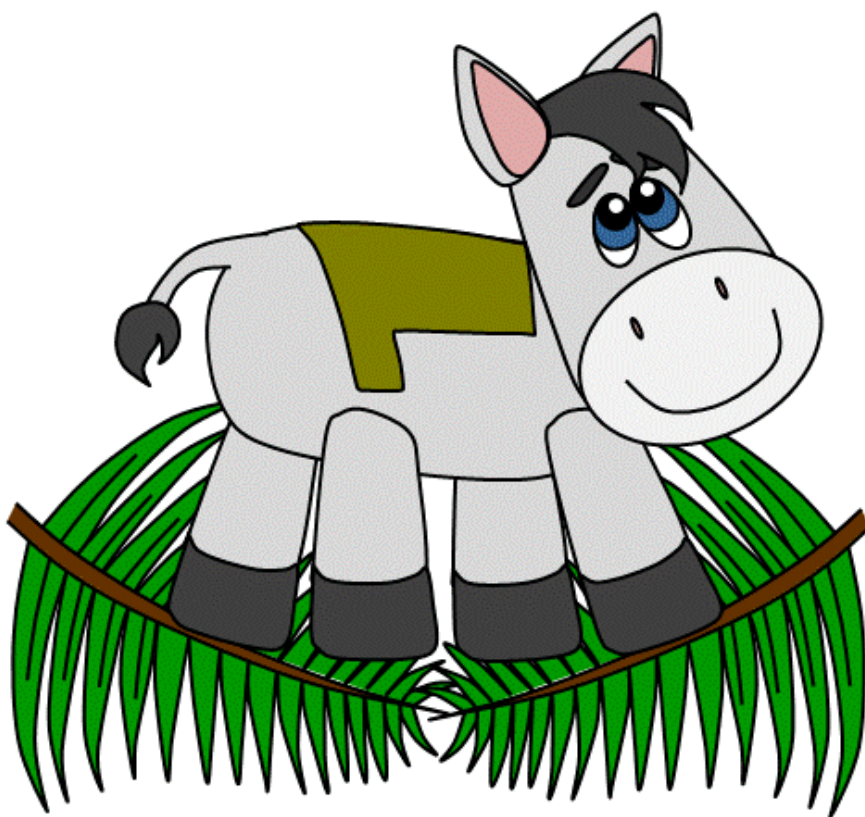
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People Wave Palms to Jesus

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BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR THE WEEK

Countdown to Easter

Palm Sunday

The Triumphal Entry
Mark 11:1-11

Monday

Jesus Anointed at
Bethany
Mark 14:3-9

Tuesday

Jesus Washes His
Disciples' Feet
John 13:1-5

Wednesday

The Lord's Supper
Mark 14:16-25

Thursday

Gethsemane
Mark 14:32-46

Good Friday

The Crucifixion
Mark 15:21-39

Saturday

The Burial
Mark 15:42-47

*Easter
Sunday*

Jesus is Risen





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HOOK

Share your saddest moment: When were you really, really sad?

How did you feel when you lost someone you really loved? E.g. grandmother etc

It's ok to be sad. Sadness is a real emotion that we feel when something bad happens or we lose something or someone important to us.

But do you know ... we don't have to be sad forever.

And all because of this day that we call Resurrection Sunday!



STORY (John 20)

Let me tell you a story. This is a story about what happened after Jesus died on the cross. Jesus died on a Friday. It was a very sad day. It was sad because Jesus' friends didn't know what was going to happen. They didn't understand why Jesus had to die.

Late on that Friday afternoon, Jesus' body was taken down from the cross. It was wrapped in long strips of cloth. And it was buried in a rich man's tomb. A large stone was rolled over the entrance to the tomb, and soldiers were standing outside to make sure that nothing happened to Jesus' body. Jesus was dead.

The Bible tells us that this is what happened next:

Early on Sunday morning when it was still dark, Jesus' friend, Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb and saw that the large stone that was rolled over the mouth of the empty tomb was gone! So, she ran away.

Why do you think Mary ran away? Was she afraid? What could have happened? Jesus' body was not there. The stone had been moved.

Mary ran to two more of Jesus' friends, Simon Peter and another friend that Jesus loved very much. So, Peter and the other friend that Jesus loved ran very fast to the tomb. (Have the children stand and run in place.)

The second friend ran so fast that he beat Peter there. (Have the children stop and sit down)

Why do you think the friends ran (really animated)?

Were they shocked? Was it hard to believe what Mary had told them?

The friend and Peter looked inside the tomb. They saw the strips of cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' body. They saw the cloth that had been put on Jesus face. It was neatly folded in a corner of the room. The second friend saw and he believed. What did he believe? Jesus was dead, but God raised him to life.

Do you believe that Jesus is alive? (Pause)

Mary didn't believe at first. She was sad. She thought Jesus was missing. The friends went back to their homes, but Mary stayed at the tomb, and she cried. Why do you think that Mary cried?

A man came to Mary. He said, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary said, "If you took him away, please tell me where he is. I'll go and get him." He said her name, "Mary." It was Jesus! He had been dead. But now he was alive! Now Mary believed! She wanted to touch him and hug him! Jesus said, "Not yet. I'm going to the Father. And he is your Father too!" Then, Mary ran away.



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Why do you think Mary ran this time?

That's right! Mary had good news! She was going to tell her friends, "I have seen Jesus! He was dead! But now He is alive! He is risen! And he is giving us life, so that we can live with the Father again!"

(Source: <http://www.sojournkids.com/blog/2009/03/he-is-alive-an-easter-bible-lesson>)



LESSON

JESUS IS ALIVE!

On the cross, Jesus conquered sin.

With the empty grave, Jesus conquered death.

By dying and rising from the death, Jesus proved that He is the Son of God and He is victorious over sin and death.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE

With Jesus' resurrection, we have hope to face today's challenges. We don't have to cry and moan like someone without hope.

With Jesus' resurrection, death is not the final chapter. We have hope of eternal life for this life and beyond.

2 Cor 4:14 *because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.*

JESUS IS ALIVE IN ME

Jesus rose from the dead and went up to heaven to prepare a place for us. He will return one day to bring us back with Him.

But He leaves us His Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts forever. So we can live His resurrected life every day! Jesus is alive, and He is alive in us!

2 Timothy 2:11

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,

we will also live with him;



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LESSONS

HUDDLE TIME

Get into small groups. Invite kids to accept and believe in Jesus. Share anything that is making them sad and commit to God in prayer.

MEMORY VERSE

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SONGS

Jumping up and down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rem79QoAwtY> (actions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kht2SR8P0ko> (lyrics)

Because He lives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqxU0qa33H0>



LESSON

Last week, we celebrated Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

One remembers Jesus' death. The other, His resurrection.

Apart from Christmas, these are two of the most important events in history. Because on those two days, 2,000 years ago, a very important exchange happened.

THE CROSS EXCHANGE

At the Cross, the New Covenant was cut and an important exchange took place — Jesus took our sin and all the bad we deserved, so that we could have all His good!

Jesus was perfectly good. He obeyed all of God's laws completely. So He deserved all God's blessings.

We were sinners. We couldn't obey God's laws completely. And we deserved punishment and death.

But because of His great love for us, Jesus chose to take our punishment and death ... so we can have all of His blessings.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS?

Jesus was **CURSED** that we might have ALL His **BLESSINGS** (Gal 3:13-14).

Jesus was **PUNISHED** in the most cruel way, so that we might be **FORGIVEN** (Isa 53:6).

Jesus was beaten and **WOUNDED**, so that we might be **HEALED** (Isa 53:5b).

Jesus was made **SIN**, carrying all the sin of the world, that we might be **RIGHTEOUS** (2 Cor 4:21).

Jesus became **POOR** — He had absolutely nothing on the Cross — so that we might be **RICH** (2 Cor 8:9).

Jesus was **SHAMED** — hanging naked for all to see — that we might be **GLORIFIED** (Isa 53:3)

Jesus was **FORSAKEN** — even God had to turn away — that we might be **ACCEPTED** (Matt 27:46; Eph 1:5-6)

Jesus **DIED** and **ROSE AGAIN** that we might be **ALIVE** (Isa 53:12b).

You can get older kids to read out the different scripture verses, or explain them in an age-appropriate way.



ILLUSTRATION

1. Prepare cards with large enough words (and pictures) on them and put double-sided tape on the back of each card.

BAD: CURSES, PUNISHMENT, SICKNESS, SIN, POVERTY, SHAME, ABANDONED, DEATH

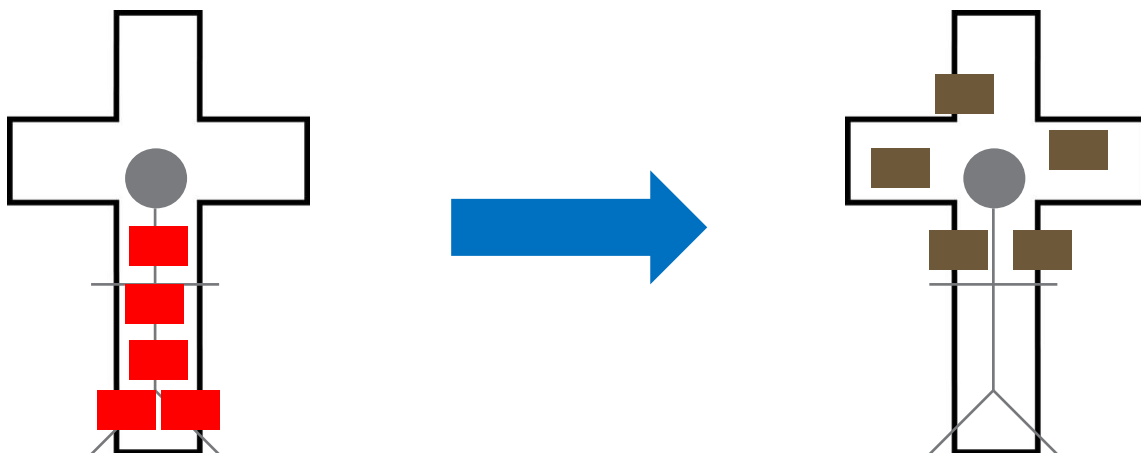
GOOD: BLESSINGS, FORGIVENESS, HEALTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, RICHNESS, GLORY, ACCEPTANCE, LIFE

2. Have one kid stand in front of a picture of the Cross on screen, representing Jesus. Stick on him or let him hold these cards:

BLESSINGS, FORGIVENESS, HEALTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, RICHNESS, GLORY, ACCEPTANCE, LIFE

3. Hand out the rest of the cards to various children in the class.

Tell them when you call out their word, they have to go and put their “bad” card on the Cross (screen) and take the “good” card from “Jesus”.



4. Read out “What happened at the Exchange” again and let the kids make their exchange.
If there’s time, you can repeat the illustration so more kids can take part.



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AN EXCHANGED LIFE!

What is the result of the Cross Exchange?

Because Jesus died and rose again, our old life is GONE.

We now live Jesus' life in us!

Let's read **Gal 2:20** together:

I have been crucified with Christ and

I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

*The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

That's the good news about Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

That's Jesus' finished work on the Cross!

Thank you, Jesus!

TAKE-HOME LESSON

Jesus took all the bad we deserved, so we could have all the good He deserved



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WORKSHEET



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Name: _____

JESUS TOOK MY ...

So that I CAN HAVE ...

