



WEEK
TWO
APRIL 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



4. HOSANNA

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Real or artificial leaves; Optional "Leaves" Activity Page, green cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Option-copy "Leaves" on green cardstock and cut out; one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a leaf and encourage them to wave it in the air while marching around the activity area. Challenge them to move it up and down and side to side while saying, "HOSANNA!"

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's celebrate Jesus!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Give each child a leaf) "Let's pretend that this (point to leaf) is a palm leaf. Wave it high in the air. (Demonstrate.) Can you move it up and down? (Demonstrate.) How about side to side? (Demonstrate.) Let's march around the room while we wave our leaves. We can say, 'HOSANNA!' just like they did in our Bible story today!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We can celebrate Jesus in so many ways! We celebrate Jesus because He wants to be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

BIBLE STORY

We celebrate our friend, Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY

MATTHEW 21:1-11, 15-16

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."

MATTHEW 28:20, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

BASIC TRUTH

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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Matthew 28:20; journal; fun-shaped pen; and red heart stickers

BIBLE STORY

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PALM SUNDAY
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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Since today is all about celebrating our friend Jesus, we'll do something special in our prayer journal to show Jesus we love Him.

"I will write JESUS in our prayer journal like this. (*Write JESUS across the page in big letters.*) See? (*Point to the letters as you say them.*) J – E – S – U – S! And now, when I say your name, I will give you a heart sticker to put around Jesus' name. Listen for your name! (*Say each child's name, give them a heart sticker, and encourage them to put the heart around JESUS in your journal.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."

MATTHEW 28:20, NIV

"Look at all of the hearts! What a wonderful way to celebrate our friend, Jesus. Would anyone like to pray and thank God for Jesus before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. He is so kind and teaches us how to love everyone. And He can do amazing things that only He can do! Jesus is SO worth celebrating! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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