

Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 5

Today's Bible Story: Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15
I can celebrate Jesus.

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse: "We have seen amazing things today!" (Luke 5:26 NLT).

Supplies NOT Included in the Activity Bags

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Playdoh Mat for SF and North

- playdoh

Lesson Activities

Memory Verse Activity- Hosanna Megaphone

- Permanent marker

Bible Story Review- Roll to Create the Story

- Optional crayons
- Permanent marker

Application Activity- Hosanna Path

- Butcher paper
- Wall tape

Journal and Prayer

Bible Story Summary

Psalm Sunday

Jesus and His disciples are going to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus tells two of His disciples to find a donkey and its colt. They bring them to Jesus, and Jesus rides the little donkey into the city. Crowds make a special path for Jesus with coats and palm branches. They shout, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" which means "Please, save us!" God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us, and we can celebrate Jesus because Jesus is amazing!

Social -Providing Time for Fun Interaction Before Lesson

1. Play Doh Mat- ONLY SF and North

Supplies Needed:

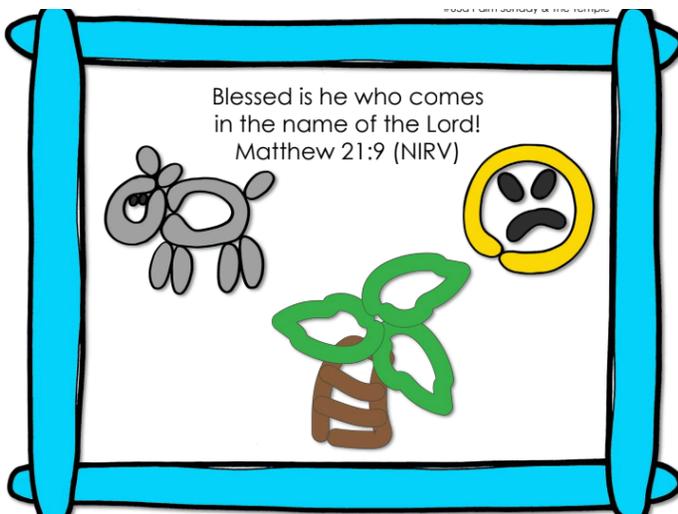
- Playdoh
- Psalm Sunday Play doh mats

Talk about It:

- Jesus went to Jerusalem with his disciples. He predicted his death and resurrection.
- Jesus told two disciples to get a donkey and colt. The disciples put their cloaks on the donkey/colt so Jesus could ride on it.
- People had heard about Jesus and his miracles. They were excited to see him.
- The people covered the dirt road with cloaks and palm branches. This was a sign of respect to Jesus.
- The people shouted, "Hosanna!" and praised Jesus.
- The way Jesus entered Jerusalem fulfilled the prophecy in the Old Testament.
- Jesus went to the temple. Many people were buying and selling things.
- Jesus was angry and turned the tables over. He said the temple was a place to pray.
- Jesus helped blind people see and people walk. Children shouted and praised him.
- All this made the church leaders mad.

Would You Rather:

- Enter a city on a donkey or a horse?
- Shout praise to Jesus or boo?
- Buy and sell things at the temple or pray at the temple?
- Praise Jesus or be angry at Jesus?



Lesson Activities

1. Memory Verse Activities- Hosanna Megaphone



What You Need:

- “Hosanna Megaphone Label” Activity Page
- Paper cup
- Leaf, Heart, and Smiley face stickers
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on their cup. Say the verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity: Encourage children to add their labels and stickers to their cups. Show children how to hold the cup by the handles and say the verse together several times.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

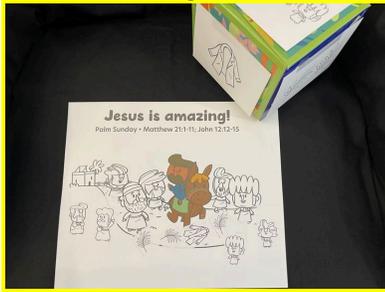
What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me, and let’s say our verse together as we do the motions. Ready? Here we go. ‘We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today! (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*). Great job, everyone! Now sit at the table with me and let’s make a megaphone to celebrate.”

During the Activity: “Put this label on your cup. It has our Memory Verse on it. (*Pause.*) Now add some of these fun stickers. (*Pause.*) Great! Everyone, hold your cup like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Put it up to your mouth and let’s say our verse together. ‘We have seen amazing things today!’ Luke 5:26. Wow! One more time! ‘We have seen amazing things today!’ Luke 5:26. That was fantastic!”

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that we can celebrate Jesus because Jesus is God’s Son and **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** In today’s Bible Story, people celebrated Jesus by making a path of coats and palm branches for Jesus to travel over. People waved palm branches and shouted, Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Tell me, **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** One more time! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

2. Bible Story Review- Roll to Create the Story



What You Need:

- “Roll to Create the Story” Activity Page
- “Roll to Create Cube” Activity Page attached to a cube box
- “Roll to Create Stickers” Activity Page
- Permanent marker
- *Optional: Crayons*

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on their paper.

During the Activity: Leader will roll the die, and whenever the die lands on that picture, children will add the corresponding sticker to their page. Continue rolling until their paper is filled with people, branches, and coats. Review the story. *Optional: If time allows, children can color the rest of their picture.*

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come over and sit with me, friends. We are going to play a game to make our story art today!”

During the Activity: “I have this story die that has three different pictures on it. (*Twist and turn the cube as you call out each picture.*) There are people, coats, and palm branches. Each picture on the die matches a sticker. Whatever the die lands on is the sticker you’ll find and add to your paper. Are you ready to play? Let’s go! (*Roll the die.*) It landed on a [coat/branch/person]! Find one sticker with that picture, then stick it to your paper. (*Pause.*) Super-duper! Next roll! It landed on a [coat/branch/person]! Find one sticker with that picture, then stick it to your paper. (*Continue until each child’s picture is filled. If needed, manually turn the cube to incorporate any pictures the children haven’t added a lot of.*) Hooray! Look at your amazing picture! You surrounded Jesus with people celebrating with coats and branches on the ground, and lots of people waving palm branches in the air.

“Everyone, point to the picture of Jesus on your paper. (*Pause.*) Jesus is God’s Son, and everywhere He went, lots of people wanted to see Him. They had heard of all the amazing things Jesus had done, and they wanted Jesus to help them. One day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to the city of Jerusalem. They walked everywhere they went. But this time, Jesus asked two of His friends to go into the village that was before them and find a donkey and its baby donkey. The disciples did exactly what Jesus said and brought them to Jesus. Jesus got on the little donkey and rode into the city of Jerusalem. Lots of people made a special path for Jesus. They spread coats and palm branches on the ground, and some waved palm branches in the air. They were treating Jesus like a king! They all shouted: ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ They were celebrating Jesus because they knew **[Bottom**

***Line]* Jesus is amazing.** When other people in the city asked who Jesus was, they said: ‘This is Jesus! God sent Him to us!’ (Matthew 21:11 NLT, paraphrase) That was a super fun way to re-create our story today.”

After the Activity: “Friends, the Bible teaches us that God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. And we can celebrate Jesus just like the people in the Bible because ***[Bottom Line]* Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is amazing!**”

3. Application Activity- Hosanna Path

What You Need:

- “Hosanna Path” Activity Page
- Butcher paper
- Painter’s tape
- Green and brown paper
- Green streamers cut to a foot

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay a long strip of butcher paper on the floor and tape it to secure. Tape green and brown papers across the paper to make a path. Tape coat and leaf pictures around the room at child’s height.

During the Activity: Invite children to go find a coat or leaf picture, bring it back, and place it on the matching color box (green for palm branches, brown for coats). Continue until the pictures have been found and placed on the path.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today, we’re going to make a path just like the people did when Jesus came into Jerusalem. They laid down coats and palm branches to celebrate Jesus!”

During the Activity: “When I say ‘Go,’ I want you to go find one coat or leaf picture and bring it back to the path. Ready, set, GO! *(Pause.)* Great job! If you have a picture of a leaf, put it on one of the green rectangles. *(Point.)* If you have a picture of a coat, place it on a gray/brown rectangle. *(Pause.)* Hooray! We finished our Hosanna Path!”

After the Activity: “Wow, friends! We filled our path with coats and palm branches. That’s just like what the people in Jerusalem did when Jesus came riding in on a donkey. Do you remember what else those people did? *(Pause for responses.)* That’s right! They waved palm branches and shouted ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ because they knew Jesus could do things that nobody else could because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Let’s all pretend to wave a palm branch using the green streamers and yell Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!”

***If you want you can have them march around room or hallway having a Hosana Parade depending on the friends you have with you today>

4. Journal and Prayer

What You Need:

- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Encourage the children to pretend to wave a palm branch and say “Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!” as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Memory Verse and Hand Motions.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “It’s Small Group time! Today, we are going to pretend to wave our palm branches at Jesus and say, ‘Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ while we walk to our small group spot. Follow me and wave your palm branches! Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! (*Repeat as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Now let’s sit down and talk about today’s Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!”

During the Activity: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) “In our Bible Story, we heard how the people celebrated Jesus like a king! They laid down coats and palm branches to make a special path. Jesus rode into town on a donkey, and people waved palm branches and shouted ‘Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. And we can celebrate Jesus just like the people in the Bible because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** That’s why when I ask you, ‘**Who is amazing?**’ you can say, **[Bottom Line] ‘Jesus is amazing!’** Ready? **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**

“The Bible verse we’re learning says: ‘We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today!’ (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*). Let’s say that together! Just stand up and say what I say and do what I do! ‘We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today!’ (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*). That was wonderful! (*Two thumbs up.*) I think you’re ready to say that verse all by yourself. I want everyone to sit down, and we will take turns saying it. Who wants to go first? Way to go, [child’s name]! (*Give two thumbs up.*) I’m very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse. When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and point to your stamp/sticker. One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

“Way to go! Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal to the picture of Jesus.*) Tell me how you can celebrate Jesus? (*Help child clean hand.*) I’ll write your name and your answer down. (*Continue with each child. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

After the Activity: “These are wonderful ways to celebrate Jesus! Thank you for helping me make this list. (*Hold up the journal for the children to see.*) We can celebrate Jesus in lots of different ways, like (*read the list you made with the children*). Just like the people in the Bible celebrated Jesus! Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”