

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

Hosanna

- Leaves from the Application Activity Bag

Lesson Activities

Memory Verse with Motions

Bible Story Review- All Wrapped Up

Application Activity- Parachute Praise

- parachute

Craft- Fill the Palm Leaf

- gluesticks

Social

1. Hosanna

What You Need:

- Use the palm leaves in the Application Bag

What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage children to jump, dance, and move while waving their leaves.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, I have these fun leaves for you. I am going to give you one for each hand.”

During the Activity: “You can jump or dance, and you can move the streamers around in the air. While we do our jumping and dancing, I want us to say, ‘Hosanna.’ *Hosanna* is a word they used when Jesus was alive, and it is a praise and joyful word. So, when we say, ‘Hosanna,’ we are praising Jesus. Keep dancing and jumping and waving your streamers. Hosanna, Hosanna!”

After the Activity: “I love celebrating Jesus with you. I heard you saying, ‘Hosanna,’ and I saw you waving your green streamers. In our story today, we will learn about a time when people waved green leaves and said, ‘Hosanna’ to Jesus. I am so excited to hear more about it in our true Bible Story today!”

Lesson Activities

1. Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

During the Activity: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you 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 me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. ‘We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today!’ (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book.*)”

During the Activity: “Now, let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘We have seen.’ (*Point to self.*) Put your pointer finger up and tap your chest like this (*pointer finger up, then tap your chest*) and say, ‘We have seen.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Great job!

“The next part of our verse says: ‘Amazing things today.’ (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Make circles with both hands and put them up to your eyes like this (*put both your hands to your eyes like binoculars or glasses*). Open and close them and say, ‘amazing things today.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Wonderful! Now let’s put that together. ‘We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today!’ (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Great job!

“Now the last part is: ‘Luke 5:26.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book*) and say: Luke 5:26. (*Repeat with children.*) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready friends? ‘We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today! (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*). Nice job. Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that nothing is too hard for Jesus because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** In today’s Bible Story, Jesus did something amazing! Jesus turned water into wine! Jesus did something that no one else can do because Jesus is God’s Son. **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

2. Bible Story Review- All Wrapped Up

What You Need:

- Toy animals, including a donkey
- Aluminum foil
- Basket or container

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tear sheets of foil and loosely wrap each animal. Place all the wrapped animals in the basket/container.

During the Activity: Pick one wrapped animal from the basket and unwrap it. Identify each animal as it's unwrapped and ask children, "Did Jesus ride on a [animal]?" Review the Bible Story.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "It's so wonderful to see you all today! Come sit with me and let's get ready to unwrap (*hold up one of the wrapped animals*) today's Bible Story."

During the Activity: "Let's see what's wrapped up here. (*Unwrap an animal and hold it up for everyone to see.*) It's a...[animal]! In our Bible Story, did Jesus ride to town on a [animal]? (*Pause for responses.*) No! What about... (*unwrap the next animal*) a [animal]? (*Continue until you unwrap the donkey.*) Did Jesus ride to town on a donkey? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! Jesus rode into town on a donkey. Let's review. Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to the city of Jerusalem. They walked everywhere they went. But on this day, Jesus asked two of His friends to go into the town and find a donkey and its baby donkey. They found the donkeys and brought them to Jesus. Jesus got on the little donkey, and He rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem. (*Move the donkey.*)

"The people in Jerusalem made a special path on the road for Jesus with coats and palm branches. Some people even waved palm branches in the air and they all shouted: 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' They were celebrating Jesus because they knew that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**"

After the Activity: "God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. 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. Parachute Praise

What You Need:

- Parachute
- Green leaves

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the parachute out in an open area of the room. Sprinkle the green leaves or the tissue paper squares on the parachute.

During the Activity: Encourage children to shake the parachute fast and slow to toss all the leaves in the air as you shout, “Hosanna, Hosanna!”

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come over here and let’s play with the parachute.”

During the Activity: “Everyone grab a handle and let’s slowly pick it up. Now shake it up and down slowly. (*Pause.*) Now faster, and faster and shout ‘Hosanna, Hosanna!’ (*Pause.*) Hooray! Everyone freeze. Put the parachute on the ground and let’s collect all the leaves and celebrate again!” (*Repeat as desired.*)

After the Activity: “When the people saw Jesus, they waved their palm leaves and shouted, ‘Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’ They celebrated Jesus because they knew He was so special. They knew **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**”

EveryChild Tips:

- Children can sit in chairs while they hold the parachute. Offer adult help to do the big movements if needed.

4. Craft- Fill the Palm Leaf



What You Need:

- “Fill the Palm Leaf” Activity Page
- Green paper squares (tissue paper)
- Glue sticks
- Permanent marker
- *Optional: Green dot markers and baby wipes in place of green paper squares and glue sticks.*

What You Do:

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

During the Activity: Encourage children to trace the lines on their paper with the glue stick, then fill in the lines with paper squares. Shout ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ together with the children. Clean hands as needed.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today, we heard a story about some people who were celebrating Jesus with palm branches as He came to town. Let’s make some story art to help us remember how amazing Jesus is.”

During the Activity: “See the lines on your paper? (*Pause.*) Those lines will help you create a palm branch. Trace each line with the glue stick and fill the lines with the pieces of the green paper. (*Pause.*) Wow! Look at the amazing palm branches you created. (*Pause.*) Let’s all shout ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ Ready? One, two, three! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Great job, everyone!”

After the Activity: “Today’s story from the Bible begins when Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to the city of Jerusalem. They walked everywhere they went. But this day, Jesus rode on the little donkey into the city of Jerusalem.

“The people made a special path on the road for Jesus with coats and palm branches. Some people even 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 that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.** God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. 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.**”