



I Am Loved

MARCH 2024

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1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus Entered Jerusalem- Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11

Bottom Line: God's love gives us hope.

Leader Context: Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey shows us a fulfilled promise made by the Messiah. God always fulfills His promises and that means we can have hope- trusting that something good will happen. When God His Son, Jesus, He brought hope.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Mar 24 Social Instruction Page, Roku Game Instructions, butcher paper, markers, medium and large pom poms (100 per group, enough to cover items drawn on the paper)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Wow! Thank, Super Crew! In this Bible story, we saw that people celebrated when Jesus entered the city. They put their coats down on the road and cut branches to lay down for Jesus to travel over as He rode the donkey. Then they shouted, "Hosanna!" Can you say, "Hosanna!" on the count of three with me? 1-2-3 Hosanna! (*Hosanna!*) Just like we can use a pom-pom to cheer for our friends, the people cheered and were excited that Jesus had arrived. Jesus gave them hope. Hope means waiting for something with excitement to see what comes next. The people trusted that God had a great plan for them. God has a plan for you too, and we know that He loves each of us so much. Let's pray and tell God thank You for helping us know more about Him. Praying is talking and listening to God. Let's be still, close our eyes, and pray 3-2-1.

God, thank You for loving us so much! Help us remember that You always love us and that we can trust You. Help us love the people around us too. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

God (*point arms upward*)

Loves Me (*Cross arms across chest*)

So Much! (*give yourself a hug*)

Let's do that a few more times.

Videos

A Worshipful Welcome (20 minutes)

What You Need: Palm leaf cutout (1 per kid) "Hosanna" stickers *(1 per kid), craft sticks or paint stir sticks, tape, music player, music instruments (optional)

We are going to make a palm leaf like the ones in the Bible story. You will each use a craft stick and a palm leaf. We will help tape your stick to your branch. Now place the Hosanna sticker on your leaf wherever you want it.

Leader Tip: Encourage kids to wave their flags and move around the room to a worship song. Talk with them about different ways God is powerful while they color.

Say : "Our palm leaves remind us of the ones that were used in our Bible story today. The people placed their leaves on the ground and said, "Hosanna" as Jesus was coming into town. Does anyone remember what hosanna means? (*allow responses*) Hosanna means "save now!" Jesus came to show people God's love and give them hope. Hosanna! one the count of three, I want you to say, "Hosanna" Ready? 1, 2, 3 Hosanna!

Have you ever been to a parade? (*allow responses*) We are going to have our own celebration parade right now. Let's celebrate Jesus! Here is what we are going to do. I am going to play a song, and we are going to get in a line and march and dance around the room and worship Jesus. Do you know what worship means? Worship means praising and celebrating. The person we are praising and celebrating is Jesus! Ready? Let's celebrate is 3-2-1 Go! (*pass out instruments or encourage kids to use their palm branches to wave and celebrate in the parade line up*) In our Bible story today, the people placed their leaves on the ground and said, "Hosanna" as Jesus was coming into town. They celebrated Jesus. It was almost like a celebration parade. We can worship Jesus like they did. on the count of three, I want you to repeat after me. 1-2-3, Hosanna! (*Hosanna!*) Hosanna in the highest! (*Hosanna in the highest!*) Thank you for joining our celebration parade and worshipping Jesus with us. That was so much fun!"

Say:

- What was our Super Clue today? (*a pom-pom*) What does it help us remember?(*A pom-pom help us remember that we can get excited and celebrate God's amazing love for us.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- God's love gives us hope. What is hope? (*Hope is waiting for something with excitement to see what comes next.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends and families about this week?

Our Big Deal is, "God Loves Me So Much"

God(*point arms upward*)

Loves Me (*Cross arms across chest*)

So Much! (*give yourself a hug*)

God loves us and sent Jesus for us. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, people celebrated and cheered. They put palm branches and coats on the ground for Jesus because they believed that Jesus came to bring hope."

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.