



I Am Loved

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Kindergarten - 5th grade

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 sent 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.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, large die with colored sides (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)

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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

God knew that Jesus needed to come save His people, and He created a rescue plan a long time ago. He even promised a Savior would come. So, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on that donkey, people got excited! They had hope that God would send a Savior- and that Savior was Jesus! But Jesus wasn't just there to save them from their enemies or to make their lives easier. Jesus came to save people from their sins. That's something to get super excited about.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, I pray that we would all be as excited as the people of Jerusalem were when Jesus came riding in on a donkey. Thank You that You love us so much; You sent Jesus to forgive our sins. This week, help us all to see and know how much You love us, and may Your love give us hope, no matter what. In Your name Jesus, Amen!

Palms and Crosses (20 minutes)

What You Need: 1 palm frond per kid, Palm folding instruction page (1 per kid), folded crosses (for those who want to take a complete one home)

What You Do:

Set out the supplies. Make an example of the craft ahead of time.

Today we are going to make a cross to remind us of Jesus and all He came to do for each of us. I'm going to give each of you a palm frond and an instruction page. We are going to walk through each step together and I will help you if you need it.

Leader Tip: There are folded crosses provided for kids who are concerned that their cross is not folded enough.

Say: "Today we heard about the hope that the arrival of Jesus gave to the people in Jerusalem. Jesus offers us that same hope today if we choose to believe in Jesus and all that we are learning about Him. When you look at your cross, you can remember that Jesus came for you! That's something to be excited about! Not only can we have a relationship with Him, but we get to spread that hope to others around us.

Discussion Questions:

- If you could know everything about one of your subjects in school, which subject would you pick and why? What is something that you already know a lot about and how did you learn about it?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- A telescope can help us see and explore things that are super far away, but even the most powerful telescope in existence can't see everything. But God can! He sees and knows everything. How can knowing that God is so big and so powerful help people trust Him?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are loved, and that God's love is powerful. Let's open our Bibles to JMark 11:9-10 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this passage teaching us?
- These people were so excited that Jesus had arrived! They were shouting Hosanna, which means "save now." God had promised them a Savior, and He had arrived. God's love gives us hope because He loved us so much, He sent Jesus to forgive our sins. How is the hope that Jesus brings different than just wishing or wanting something good to happen.*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer)*
- We can believe in Jesus, and His love gives us hope. We can never be good enough to earn God's love. God gives His love to us generously and freely. He loves us enough to send Jesus to save us from our sins. Saving ourselves from sin is impossible. But with God, nothing is impossible. Do you have any questions about the hope we have in Jesus? Is there anything you want to share about how Jesus gives you hope? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own response.)*
- How could you share the hope of Jesus with friends who have been let down by those they trusted? *(Tell them about Jesus, read the Bible with them, pray with them, invite them to church, tell them stories about why you trust Jesus.)*

Hope is found in Jesus! He gives us everything He has- His strength, His love, His power, and His life! His life, death, and resurrection were all for us. There are no limits with God and His love! If you have any questions about why Jesus' life, death and resurrection is so important, please talk with me or a campus leader today.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.