



## Week 3

With each section, there will be an 'age rating'. This is in no way meant to be a deterrent for trying it with kids who aren't in that age range. Please feel free to do any of the activities with any age group. This is just the general age in mind while writing that section.

Age Rating Guide:	Young: Lambs-TK	Middle: 1 <sup>st</sup> and up	Old: 3 <sup>rd</sup> and up
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**\*\*You by no means have to follow the order I put these activities/sections in. There's no right or wrong order to do them-I really have to rhyme or reason behind the order I listed them!**

### So & So Show Video: (all ages)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GN83y9yIU3Y>

Video Question: What is good in your life right now?

- The video this week is not entirely related to the rest of the lesson as we will be focusing on Palm Sunday. I was unable to find one about Palm Sunday, but I think these videos are still a great resource, so I wanted to still include one.

### Story: Palm Sunday, Mark 11:1-11

Here's a video story if you'd rather watch it than read it from a Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTmbTuutBgg>

### Story recap: (all ages)

I always find that having kids try to retell the story after hearing is a great way to help them remember it. Try asking them to summarize, and feel free to use the following as a sort of guide if needed.

-Jesus and his disciples were entering a town. Jesus asked two of his disciples to go get a donkey and bring it to him. He didn't explain, but the disciples followed his instructions without questioning him.

-The disciples came back with a donkey, and Jesus rode it into town (kind of similar to when his mother, Mary, rode a donkey on the way to Bethlehem when she gave birth to Jesus, right?)

-As they were traveling closer to town, people heard Jesus was coming, so they ran towards him. They brought him their coats and laid them on the ground as a sign of respect. Those that didn't have coats, went to nearby trees and cut palm branches off and laid them on the ground instead.

-The people were so excited to see Jesus, they yelled out "Hosanna" Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" Hosanna means "save us". They wanted Jesus to continue performing miracles like healing sick people, bringing the dead back to life, etc.

-Some of the lawmakers and leadership at the time were not fans of Jesus, and they were mad he was getting too much attention. They told Jesus to make the people stop yelling, but Jesus replied "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out"

-Realizing that the leadership and people weren't accepting who he was, Jesus got sad. He and the disciples left the town and went on to a new place.

### **Discussion: (middle)**

- Why do you think people laid their coats & palms down? *The ground was dirt, so putting their coats and palms down was a way to show a ton of respect to Jesus. It's kind of like saying, "hey that seat is dirty, let me put a towel down so your clothes don't get dirty"*
- Do you think people were expecting Jesus to come in a donkey? What animal might they have been expecting? *Horse, some sort of mighty animal*
- Why do you think the people cried out "Hosanna" (Save us)
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### **Digging a bit deeper: (middle/old)**

- Do you ever have expectations for someone and they don't end up being the reality? Let's try something... have everyone close their eyes and imagine a King. Imagine someone who rules over everything, who has amazing powers you couldn't even dream of. What do they look like? What do they wear? Imagine watching that powerful, mighty King coming into your town. What would they be in? A car? A carriage? A mighty horse?
- When Jesus enters Jerusalem, he doesn't show up looking at all like what the expectations of him were. They were waiting to see a mighty King! Not someone who's been traveling by foot for months that's now riding an untamed, dirty donkey! What would your response be like? Would you be disappointed? Would you say anything?
- I think it's really important to look at how the people in Jerusalem reacted. While we don't know their exact expectations, I imagine they pictured a king kind of like what you imagined. But they didn't show their disappointment. They were so overjoyed just from the sight of Jesus, or even just from hearing that he was coming to town! They didn't let their expectations hinder their experience or time with Jesus because they were just so happy to be in his presence.
  - Have there been times in your life where your expectations have been wrong about someone or something and you weren't able to look past it like the people of Jerusalem were?
  - What are ways you can keep this story and lesson in mind when you're faced with new situations and/or when you're thinking about your expectations about something?

## Game (all ages)

### COAT ROAD

- Create a 'Coat Road' in your house. Gather coats/clothes/pillows and create a path for Jesus and the disciples to walk through.
- Make a relay race out by splitting the family into teams and see which team can get back and forth on the coat road the fastest by sending one person at a time to go down and back.
- You could even leave it up until after Palm Sunday as way to remind yourselves the importance of this Sunday

## Songs (all ages)

Hosanna Rock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5582z642wFY>

Praise Him: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akqcivRCzgU>

^^This is the song the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders most recently sang in church! It has a great connection to Jesus' words "If they stop now, even the rocks will cry out"

## Activities: (young/middle/all ages)

### PALMS

Create some palms out of paper to either use while you watch the service on Saturday or when you're here for the drive-in!

Attached to this email is a quick guide to how to make one!

### PALM WINDOWS

With everyone putting rainbows on their houses/in windows for the Rainbow Hunt, maybe this week you add a Palm Branch or two to show that your family is celebrating Jesus. It could be a great way to talk to your kids about always creating spaces to welcome Jesus into our lives!

## Coloring Pages: (all ages)

If you are able to print, here is a link to some free coloring pages!

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/holidays/palm-sunday>

## Prayer: (all ages)

It's important to always be praying- individually and together. Take some time to pray with and for each other. For more ideas on how to pray in different ways, click the link below or go to the children's ministry page on our website!

[www.3cross.org/children](http://www.3cross.org/children)

## Interactive Portion: (all ages)

We're going to try using PollEverywhere this week. Here's the link:

[https://pollev.com/reagancolt186?\\_ga=2.133130439.810887144.1585770956-692569307.1585153567](https://pollev.com/reagancolt186?_ga=2.133130439.810887144.1585770956-692569307.1585153567)

Here's the question to answer: How will you be celebrating Palm Sunday?

## **CHALLENGE! CALLING ALL FAMILIES!**

Having trouble figuring out what to do all day? Need something to help you be creative?

Why not make a video!

Choose a song or Bible story as a family and perform it! Maybe it's a song you guys really like and want to create actions for... Maybe it's a Bible story you love and want to act out as a skit. Maybe you want to make some sock puppets and do a puppet show!

Send me your videos and I'll work on sharing them with our Church on Youtube and who knows... maybe it'll even make it's way into one of our services! :)