

PARENT GUIDE

APRIL 5



First, watch the Bible story video to hear God's truth in a way your preschooler can understand and enjoy. Then, follow up with these fun activities!

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

Revelation 1:18 NIV

ACTIVITY ONE: HOSANNA DANCING

WHAT YOU NEED: MUSIC PLAYER, PALM LEAF FROM APRIL ACTIVITY BAG

WHAT YOU DO:

Play "Hosanna Rock" song by Little Praise Party (available on YouTube and Spotify). Encourage your child to wave their palm branch and dance to the music! Repeat as desired

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's wave our palm leaf and dance to the music!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When you hear the music, start waving your palm leaf. Let's celebrate Jesus because He is SO special! Who is alive? Jesus is alive."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was so fun! Jesus is worth celebrating. He wants to be our friend forever, and He is alive today! Who is alive? Jesus is alive."

PRAYER

"Dear God, help us remember that Jesus is alive and we can celebrate Him every day.

We want to show Jesus how special He is by doing things like singing Him songs, drawing Him pictures and being kind to others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



ACTIVITY TWO: JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

WHAT YOU NEED: COAT, PALM LEAF FROM APRIL ACTIVITY BAG, STUFFED ANIMAL OR TOY DONKEY OR HORSE

WHAT YOU DO:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have your child select a coat or palm leaf. You take the donkey. Act out waving the palm branches or laying down the coats as you walk the donkey by. Encourage them to say, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!"

Every thirty seconds or so, stop and say, "SWITCH!" Everyone put down what they have and choose a different prop to play a different role for each round.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "When Jesus came to town, the people were so excited to see Him. What did they wave as He entered Jerusalem? (Hold up the palm leaf.) Yes, they waved palm branches and said, 'Hosanna!' What did they lay on the road? (Hold up a coat.) Yes, they put down their coats along the path. And Jesus entered riding on a what? (Hold up the donkey.) Yes! A donkey."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Grab a coat or a palm branch. Let's pretend we were there that day! As the donkey walks by, say, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' If you have a palm leaf, wave it! When I say, 'Switch,' I want you to switch what you have with me and we will play again."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was so fun! Can you imagine what it must have been like to see Jesus come to your own town? What a reason to celebrate. We celebrate because Jesus is special. Jesus is alive today, and He loves it when we celebrate Him! Who is alive? Jesus is alive."