

**March Week 4**

**Start Your Engines**

*March 27-29*

# CRAFT Week 4

## *Palm Leaf*

**SUPPLIES:** Palm cut out, green watercolor tablet, paint brush, wet wipes, smocks

**PLEASE NOTE:** To avoid a wet mess, place several drops of water directly on the watercolor tablet and only re-wet as necessary. Do NOT give children bowls of water. They don't know how to pace themselves and not drench their papers. 😊

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Put smocks on children. Give each child a paintbrush and a Palm cut out. Place watercolor tablet bowls around the table.**
  - *“Today in our true bible story we learned that the people waved palm branches in the air when Jesus came to town. We are going to make our own palm branches today!”*
  
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
  - *“Great job! Your leaves look awesome. In our Bible story, the people in Jerusalem praised Jesus by waving palm leaves and shouting, ‘Hosanna, Hosanna!’*
  - *We can praise Jesus, too! It does not matter how old we are or where we are, we can always praise Jesus because he is our friend! And because he is our friend, we can be a friend and show the love of Jesus to everyone we meet!*
  - ***Who can show the love of Jesus?***
  - ***I can show the love of Jesus!***
  
- ⇒ **Clean up hands with wet wipes and take off smocks.**

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Pin the Tail on the Donkey*

**SUPPLIES:** Donkey poster, tails, blue wall tape

**SET UP:** Tape the donkey poster to the wall, prep each tail with a rolled piece of tape on the back.

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Gather children up for the activity.**

- *“In our true Bible story, Jesus rode into town on a donkey and the people cheered and praised him! And look! We have a donkey right here!*
- *When you look at this donkey picture what do you think is missing? Yes! His tail! Look what I have here – tails! Let’s see if we can get the tail in the right spot!”*

⇒ **Let the children take turns closing their eyes and trying to pin the tail on the donkey.**

⇒ **When all children have had a chance to go, complete the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“That was fun! When Jesus rode into town on the donkey the people waved their palm leaves and shouted, ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’ They knew that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever. Jesus loved them so much and showed them how to love others!*
- ***Who can show the love of Jesus?***
- ***I can show the love of Jesus!***

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Praise Party Freeze Dance*

**SUPPLIES:** CD player, Worship CD

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children space out around the room.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we heard about how the people celebrated and praised Jesus! They knew how much Jesus loved him and that he wanted them to show his love to others!”*
- *When I think about how much Jesus loves me it makes me want to sing and dance and praise him! Let’s dance together! When I turn the music on, I want you to show me your best dance moves. When I pause it, FREEZE!”*

⇒ **Play music and let children dance. Pause and have them freeze.**

- *“Great moves everybody! It’s so fun to praise Jesus together! Let’s all shout, ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus’ together!”*
- *‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’”*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work, my friends! We can always celebrate our good friend Jesus. Jesus loves me and he loves you and he wants us to show his love to EVERYONE!*
- ***Who can show the love of Jesus?***
- ***I can show the love of Jesus!***

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Story Reenactment*

**SUPPLIES:** Palm leaves

**SET UP:** No prior set up needed

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Guide children to stand in two lines several feet apart facing each other in order to create a pathway. Make sure each child has a palm branch.**

- *“We heard a wonderful bible story today and we are going to act out that story here in our classroom. Does everybody have their palm leaves? Give them a wave in the air for me!*”

⇒ **Select one child to go first.**

- *“\_\_\_\_\_ is going to pretend to be Jesus. We have a perfect path here for Jesus to ride in on his donkey. As Jesus comes down the path let’s wave our palm branches in the air and say together – “HOSANNA! HOSANNA! YAY JESUS! Let’s try that together!”*

⇒ **Repeat until every child has had a chance to be Jesus. Then, Bring it Back to Jesus!**

- *“Great job, friends! It is wonderful to praise Jesus! We can praise Jesus every day. One of the ways we can celebrate the love of Jesus is by showing his love to EVERYONE!*
- ***Who can love like Jesus?***
- ***I can love like Jesus!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

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## SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

⇒ Can you make your moon sand look like a palm leaf?

## READ

⇒ *The True King*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 427

- Read the bible story and then say: *Wow! Jesus is the one true King and the people celebrated him! We can celebrate Jesus every day by loving others like he does!*

## REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12**

## CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ We have talked about a lot of different ways we can love like Jesus. We can help people. We can share what we have with people. And we can say kind words to people. When we do these things, we are celebrating Jesus! When I say your name, **tell me one way you will love like Jesus.** You can tell me someone you will help. You can tell me something that you will share. Or you can tell me someone you will say kind words to. Got it?

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ This is a great list! Let's use it when we talk to God. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: *“Dear God, we want to celebrate Jesus every day by doing what He told us to do and love people the way He loves us. Please help [child's name] to [what they listed] and (continue to list each child and ask God for help with how they will love like Jesus). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen.”*

# March 2021 Any Time Activities!

Did you finish all the activities and still have time to spare?  
You can ALWAYS try one of these any time activities!

## Parachute

⇒ **Gather children around the parachute and say...**

- *Jesus loves us so much! We can love others the way Jesus does! How does that make you feel? It makes me feel SO happy! Let's have some fun with the parachute!*

⇒ **Make big waves, small, toss soft squishy toys on, etc.  
When you stop say....**

- *Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!*

## Memory Verse Practice

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12*
  - *Now let's try it...*
    - *Super loud*
    - *Super quiet*
    - *Really fast*
    - *Really Slow*
    - *Jumping up and down*
    - *Running in Place*
    - *All the boys*
    - *All the girls*
    - *Kids only*
    - *Teachers only*