

April Week 1

Backyard
1, 2, 3!!!

April 2

Craft

Palm Leaf

SUPPLIES: Palm cut out, green crayons/markers/dot markers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Palm leaf and green crayons/markers/dot markers**

- *“Today we heard a true story about when Jesus rode into town. The people all praised him and said ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’ and waved their palm branches. This is a palm leaf for us to use! Let’s color them green!*”

⇒ **While kids are coloring, you can read the storybooks about Easter.**

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Nice job coloring, friends! Can you wave your palm leaf in the air! Let’s practice saying what the people said – ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’ Great job! They praised Jesus because he wanted to be their friend forever!*”
- *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! He will be our friend forever!*
- ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

***If the class dynamic is right, you can line the children up and have them wave their palm leaves while shouting ‘Hosanna, Hosanna, yay Jesus!’**

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ACTIVITY #1

Palm Sunday Imagination Play

SUPPLIES: Butcher paper, marker, Little People, Jesus w/donkey puppet

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Stretch the butcher paper out across the table. Draw a long pathway across the middle of the paper.**
 - *“Today in our true Bible story we learned about the time when Jesus entered the city riding on a donkey! The people lined up along the road. They were so excited to see him!”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a Little People figurine. Hold Jesus on the donkey puppet.**
 - *“Look here’s Jesus riding his donkey! Can you line your little people up along the sides of the road? They were praising Jesus saying – ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’ Let’s say that! ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!’*
- ⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“That was so fun! The people waved their palm branches to celebrate Jesus! And we can still celebrate and praise him today! He’s the BEST friend ever.*
 - ***Tell me, who is alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Praise and Worship Tunnel

SUPPLIES: Pop-up tunnel, CD player, worship music

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Place tunnel in the middle of the activity area.**
 - *“Look a tunnel! Let’s take turns crawling through!”*
- ⇒ **Turn on worship music. As the children emerge from the tunnel say Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!!**
 - *“It’s your turn to crawl through! How fun! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay Jesus!”*
- ⇒ **Continue as long as children are interested. If the kids are having a great time with the music on, you can transition to a praise dance party!**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *HOSANNA! HOSANNA! Yay Jesus! That was so much fun! We celebrate Jesus today! Jesus is our friend forever! We can love like Jesus!*
 - ***Who is alive! Jesus is alive!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY APRIL WEEK 1

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

- ⇒ *The Beginner's Bible*
 - "The True King", p. 427
- ⇒ *The First Easter*
- ⇒ *The Easter Story*
- ⇒ *This is Easter*
- ⇒ *Good News! It's Easter!*

ASK A QUESTION

Who is alive?
Jesus is alive!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:18

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.