

Title: Palm Sunday

Theme: Praise Jesus because He is the Son of God.

Objects:

Scripture: Mark 11:1-10

Welcome Back:

Bible:

The OT points to Jesus.

The NT tells of what Jesus has done.

Intro:

Have you ever seen a palm tree before? (show picture) Y'know, one of these trees?! Well, where I grew up, there weren't any palm trees. I only got to see them when I went to go visit my family in Florida. And, well, now that I live here in California, I get to see them all the time! I love driving down Victoria Avenue and seeing all of the palm trees in a row...or when the sun is setting...it's just so beautiful! But, did you know that the leaves of a palm tree are called palm fronds, and they look like this! In our story today, the people are going to use some palm fronds for something! So, let's put on our listening ears and button/zip our lips so that way we can hear what they used them for!

Story:

So, remember how I said the Old Testament, or the first half of our Bibles point to Jesus and what He does in the second half of our Bibles, the New Testament? Well, today, I want to read a verse from the Old Testament *before* we begin our story. It's in Zechariah chapter 9 and verse 9, and it says.....

Now, let's turn to Mark 11, and see how our story today lines up with what this verse says will happen!

Read vv. 1-3

As they approached Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

Those two disciples went looking for a baby donkey! Just like what the other verse talked about!! Let's keep reading to see what happened next!

Read vv. 4-6

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to

Saying ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’, and guess what happened?!?! the people let them take the donkey back to Jesus!

Let’s keep reading to see how Jesus used the donkey!! **Read v. 7**

⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

And then, the people started doing weird things!!

Read v. 8

It says, “⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields

(those branches were the palm fronds). Then, those who went ahead and those who followed began praising Jesus by shouting,

“Hosanna!^[a]” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[b] ¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The people were saying Praise Jesus! He is our King!! But some people did not want to praise Jesus. They did not think that He was the King that God promised in the Old Testament. They thought that Jesus was a liar, so they told Jesus to tell them to stop singing, but Jesus said, “You cannot stop their singing. Even if the people would stop, the rocks on the ground would start singing and praising Me!”

Closing:

My friends, this special story shows us that Jesus was the King that God promised from the very beginning! Jesus can be our king, as long as we let Him rule our lives! So, this week, I want you to go look for a palm tree, with a grown up of course, and tell them what happened in our story today!

Questions:

What did the people lay on the road for Jesus to ride over?

Their jackets and palm fronds

How did our verse in the Old Testament point to Jesus in the New Testament?

It told us that their king would come riding on a baby donkey. And Jesus is our King who God promised to us...and HE came riding on a baby donkey!

Why do we praise Jesus?

We praise Jesus because He is the King God promised!

Send to Lg. Muscle...

Lg. Muscle: (Yankee Doodle)

Jesus came into town

A-riding on a donkey.

Clap and sing and shout and praise

To Jesus who sure loves us!

Jesus Christ is Lord of all, Jesus is our king!

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Great job singing and riding your donkey, my friends! You can sing this song as many times as you would like to help you remember the day that Jesus came into town riding on a donkey and all of the people sang and praised Him!

Craft:

Wow, what a day we get to remember! Well, another way you can remember Palm Sunday is with our craft and coloring page....

Now, don't go away just yet because now it's time for our memory verse!!

Send to Mem. Verse