



BIG IDEA

Jesus rescues us.

GOD STORY

Palm Sunday (Luke 19:28–40)

KEY VERSE

Jesus Christ has rescued us. (From Galatians 3:13)

MUSIC

"Jesus Is Alive!" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

PALM BRANCH CUTTING SUPPLIES

- Palm shapes
- Scissors

TIP

- This activity introduces the Palm Sunday story as the children practise their cutting skills. They will also make a palm craft after the story.

PALM BRANCH CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child a palm shape and scissors.
- b. Show them how to cut around the edges of the palm to create fronds.
- c. Let the children know that on Palm Sunday we celebrate today's story from the Bible. Jesus rides a donkey into the city of Jerusalem, then people place their coats and palm branches on the road in front of him and praise him.

STICKY ROAD SUPPLIES

- Contact paper
- Masking tape
- Jesus cutout
- Palm branch cutouts
- Fabric squares

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Remove the liner from the contact paper and tape it onto a work surface with the sticky side facing up.
- Place the cutouts and fabric nearby.

STICKY ROAD INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Chat with the children about Palm Sunday (see Luke 19:28–40).
- b. Encourage everyone to stick the cutouts and fabric (representing coats) onto the contact paper.
- c. Lead the children to shout, "Hosanna!"
- d. Explain that we use this word to express our joy and praise.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Large craft or construction paper
- Marker
- (Optional) Scissors
- Sticky notes

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- If you have not yet done this activity during the Easter series, draw a large cross shape on the paper or cut out a large cross shape.

TIP

- You could add the new prayers around the sticky notes from past weeks or start fresh each week.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask: What would you like to talk to God about today? Do you want to thank him for something or someone? Would you like to tell or ask him something?
- Write the children's prayers on sticky notes and put them to the cross.
- Pray together using the notes as prompts.
- Place the cross where your family will see it often and be reminded to pray together.

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Palm cutouts
- Palm Sunday pictures
- Glue sticks
- Craft sticks
- Colouring materials
- Clear tape

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child a palm cutout, the two different Palm Sunday pictures, glue, a craft stick, and some colouring materials.
- Direct the children to colour their pictures.
- Ask them what they remember from today's story about Palm Sunday.
- When they finish colouring, guide them to glue their pictures onto their palm cutouts.
- Help the children tape their palm cutouts to their craft sticks (see below).
- Encourage everyone to wave their palm branches and shout, "Hosanna! **Jesus rescues us!**"





5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Key Verse cards
- Masking tape

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the sign where everyone can see it.
- Use the verse cards to create a path on the floor around the room. Tape down all four sides of the cards to prevent tripping!

TIP

- These supplies will be used again in Week 4.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Lead the children along the path of verse cards.
- b. Say the words together.
- c. Remind everyone that the Key Verse for this series is from Galatians 3:13 in the Bible.