

Preschool | W5 | Palm Sunday | 5th Sunday Funday

Leader Summary

Jesus and His disciples are going to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus tells two of His disciples to find a donkey and its colt. They bring them to Jesus, and Jesus rides the little donkey into the city. Crowds make a special path for Jesus with coats and palm branches. They shout, "Hosanna! Hosanna! which means "Please, save us!" God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us, and we can celebrate Jesus because Jesus is amazing!

Connect Time (20 minutes)

Kids Arrive and Free Play
Small Group Connect

Large Group (25 minutes)

Countdown and Welcome
Worship
Memory Verse
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Activity 1
Activity 2
Memory Verse with Motions
Prayer
Parent Pick Up

Home

First Look Placemat



Bible Story

Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15
I can celebrate Jesus.

Key Question

Who is amazing?

Bottom Line

Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse

"We have seen amazing things today!" • Luke 5:26 NLT

20 min

Connect Time

15 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

 Video: Arrival Music

1

5 min

Small Group Connect

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Play intro music in the background as you greet and intentionally engage with students, following the KidCity check-in procedures.

Set out a few different stations of toys, puzzles, games, or blocks.

Connect time is spent building relationships by intentionally connecting with kids before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or playing) or just sit and listen to each other. You can ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group.

11 min

Large Group Time

3 min

Countdown and Welcome

What You Need

 SLIDE: Three Rules

1

 SLIDE: Basic Truths

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"Hello my friends! How are you today? I am so glad you are here today! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! Today is a SUPER Special Day in KidCity! It is 5th Sunday Funday- that means it is the 5th Sunday in the month, those don't happen too often... and even more SPECIAL than that... it is Palm Sunday! We are going to have so much fun today, but before we do let's go over our rules and truths. Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers.*)

SLIDE: Three Rules

1. Be kind. We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. Be safe. We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.

3 min

Worship

What You Need

-  Amazing
-  He is Amazing

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

3. Have fun! We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?"

SLIDE: Basic Truths

1. I am made by God. What is it? (*Kids repeat.*)
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (*Kids repeat.*)
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (*Kids repeat.*)

"Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate Jesus!
SONG: "Amazing" available on store.thinkorange.com

"Great singing, friends! Let's keep singing about how amazing Jesus is.
SONG: "He is Amazing" available on store.thinkorange.com

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"Thanks for celebrating Jesus with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

VIDEO: Memory Verse Video

"**We have seen** (*point to self*)
amazing things today!" (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)
Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*).

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead the children to say the Memory Verse with motions once or twice.

"You guys all did a great job with our memory verse and with our worship songs! Now it's time to turn around (*spin around*)... sit down (*sit down*).. Shake the wiggles out(*wiggle hands*)... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what today's Bible Story is all about!"

16 min

Large Group Bible Story

5 min

Bible Story Intro

What You Need

 Story Box	1
 Toy Ollie	1
 Envelopes (4 per service)	4
 "Large Group Puzzle Image" Activity Page (1/service)	1
 Tape	1

What You Do:

- Put 4 envelopes in the Story Box with a puzzle image in each one.
- Put Ollie in the Story Box

What you Say:

"I have my story box ready. I'm so excited to see what we are learning about God Today. Let's see what I have in here... (Pull out the Ollie)... It's Ollie, and he has a note! *(Read the note.)*

"Hi friends!! Today is a super fun and special day! I want all of you to help [Large Group Leader's name] see what you are learning about today! *(Continue 'reading' the note, as you direct the kids how to help.)*

"Ok, Ollie says, I need all of you to line up in 4 lines. Small Group Leaders and Helpers, will you please help divide the kids into 4 lines and have them line up shoulder to shoulder facing this *(point to a side)* wall. (Pause, and give them time to get that done.)

"Excellent, ok, next Ollie says each group is going to have a piece of a puzzle, in an envelope, when I say 'GO!' you are going to pass the envelope from the back of the line to the front of the line- each person should hold and pass the envelope. *(you may want to demonstrate, quickly with a few of the Leaders.)*

"When the envelope gets to the front, the first person in line is going to open the envelope and bring me the puzzle piece, and then we will all know what today's story is going to be about! Wow, Ollie had lots of instructions for us. This sounds like fun!! If you're ready, give me a thumbs up. *(Pause)* Wonderful... Here.... we... "GO!"

Cheer, encourage, and be silly/happy while the kids pass the envelope down their lines. Once you have all 4 pieces, settle the kids back to their seats and reveal the puzzle picture.

"Wow, well... I see a donkey... I see a bunch of leaves... I see Jesus... I wonder what this has to do with today's Bible Story... Let's watch Ollie and his friends to see what today's true story from the Bible is all about."

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Wrap Up and Prayer**What You Need**

No supplies needed

23 min

Small Group Time

5 min

Activity 1- Hosanna!**What You Need**

	"Leaves" Activity Page (2/page)	1
	"Hosanna Label" printed on Address Label	1
	Crayons	Several

SLIDE: Bottom Line

"Wow! The people were so excited about how amazing Jesus is. When they waved palm branches, it was like a parade for Jesus! Even though Jesus rode on a small donkey, the people knew He was important. They knew that they could celebrate Jesus like a king because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing?"**

SLIDE: Basic Truth

"Let's take a look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, "I am made by God to worship Him." To worship God, means to live in a way that shows Him love and honor. In today's story, we saw people celebrating and honoring Jesus because they knew Jesus is amazing! When we sing songs and pray and read our Bible, we are showing God worship too! Let's say it one more time, "I am made by God to worship Him."

"Today was a lot of fun! It was fun to get to ride a pretend donkey and shout "Hosanna, Hosanna, Yay Jesus! Let's pray.

"Dear God, You are so wonderful. Thank you for giving us Jesus. Help us celebrate Jesus every day. Amen"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.**What You Do:**

Before the Activity: Copy "Leaves" on cardstock, one per child, and cut apart. Copy "Hosanna label" on address labels, 1/child.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their leaf and add their label to it. Practice waving it and saying "Hosanna, Hosanna, Yay Jesus!"

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come sit with me. Today, we are each going to make our own Palm Leaf!

During the Activity: "(Give each child a leaf) "Let's pretend that this (point to the leaf) is a Palm leaf. Wave it high in the air. (Demonstrate.) Can you move it up and down? (Demonstrate.) How about side to side?"

5 min

Activity 2- Yay Jesus!

What You Need

 "Donkey" Activity Page	1
 Paint Stick	1
 Half Pool Noodle	1
 Palm Leaf (from previous activity)	1
 Avery® Label #5160 or equivalent	1
 Cube-shaped tissue box	1
 Clear tape	1
 Scissors	1
 Permanent marker	1
 Optional: Crayons	Several

3 min

Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need

 Memory Verse with Motions	1
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Great job!! Let's take a few minutes to color our leaves and put this sticker on it.

After the Activity: "The Bible teaches us that we can celebrate Jesus because Jesus is God's Son and **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** In today's Bible Story, people celebrated Jesus by making a path of coats and palm branches for Jesus to travel over. People waved palm branches and shouted, Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Tell me, **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** One more time! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Use the Donkey Activity Page, paint stick, and half pool noodle to create a 'Donkey Hobby Horse.'

During the Activity: Have kids stand in two parallel lines facing each other. Choose one child to ride the 'donkey' while the other children wave their Palm Leaves and shout, 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Yay Jesus!' The child on the donkey walks between the two lines of kids, and then another child takes a turn.

After the Activity: Talk about how the people were excited to see Jesus because he can do amazing things and wants to be everyone's friend forever.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "You all did a great job decorating your Palm Leaf! We are going to need them for this next activity. We're going to pretend to ride a donkey like Jesus did in today's Bible story. (Each child takes a turn riding the 'donkey' through two lines of children waving their Palm Leaves and shouting, 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Yay Jesus!' But first, I need everyone to hold their Palm Leaf up high and let's make two straight lines facing each other.

During the Activity: "Everyone will get a turn to ride the donkey. When I say your name, it's your turn to ride the donkey through our lines. Everyone else will be waving their Palm Leaves and shouting, 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Yay Jesus!'"

After the Activity: "Friends, the Bible teaches us that God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. In today's story, we saw that the people were so excited to see Jesus that they waved palm branches and shouted as he rode by. They knew Jesus could do things no one else could because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?-[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!"**

What You Do:

Say the memory verse using the motions from the Memory Verse Motions Poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Parent Pick Up Activity

What You Need

 Beginner's Bible

1

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

What You Do:

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (The True King, page #427) and read it to your small group.

Supplies

Welcome Time	Quantity
1. Video: Arrival Music	1

Countdown and Welcome	Quantity
1. SLIDE: Three Rules	1
2. SLIDE: Basic Truths	1

Worship	Quantity
1. Amazing	0
2. He is Amazing	1

Bible Story Intro	Quantity
1. Story Box	1
2. Toy Ollie	1
3. Envelopes (4 per service)	4
4. "Large Group Puzzle Image" Activity Page (1/service)	1
5. Tape	1

Activity 1- Hosanna!	Quantity
1. "Leaves" Activity Page (2/page)	1
2. "Hosanna Label" printed on Address Label	1
3. Crayons	Several

Activity 2- Yay Jesus!	Quantity
1. "Donkey" Activity Page	1
2. Paint Stick	1
3. Half Pool Noodle	1
4. Palm Leaf (from previous activity)	1
5. Avery® Label #5160 or equivalent	1
6. Cube-shaped tissue box	1
7. Clear tape	1
8. Scissors	1
9. Permanent marker	1
10. Optional: Crayons	Several

Memory Verse with Motions	Quantity
1. Memory Verse with Motions	1

Parent Pick Up Activity	Quantity
1. Beginner's Bible	1