FOUR
MARCH 2021

SMALL GROUP

2-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Will Wait

Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14, NIrV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



THE PASS AROUND

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Palm Leaf" Activity Page, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to get in a circle.
- Pick one kid to read the memory verse out loud from the

 in Page 1.

"Palm Leaf" Activity Page.

- Give the leaf to another kid who says the first word of the memory verse then passes the palm leaf to the right. The leaf is passed all the way around the circle then stops at the next kid.
- The next kid then says second word of the memory verse and passes the palm leaf to their right—all the way around the circle and back to the third kid.
- Kids continue like this until they say the entire verse.
- Instruct the kids to do their best not to look at the memory verse on the palm leaf but to recite as much as they can by heart.
- There is a lot of patience involved in this game.
 - The kids have to pass the palm leaf and wait until it goes all the way around the circle to say the next word.
 - Encourage them to celebrate, cheer, etc. as the palm leaf gets passed around, i.e., celebrate while they wait.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Waiting isn't always easy, but it's a lot better when you're having a good time and celebrating something that you can be thankful for. But when patience seems too difficult, God will give us strength to wait. All we have to do is talk to Him about what we struggle with. Our hope is in Him, just like it says in our memory verse. And God is worth waiting for—and He's worth celebrating! You can celebrate even when you're waiting."