

KIDS' DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, April 5, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

1. Smart phone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference (You can read about Palm Sunday in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19.)
3. You tube video: God's Story: Palm Sunday by Crossroads Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTmbTuutBgg>
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring page
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Step 1. Worship Time

Choose a song or three to sing/listen/do actions together!

- Only King Forever https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ypXUd_vGml
- Paul Baloche Hosanna Lyric Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMBDWG9tseU>
- Yancy Hosanna Rock <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5582z642wFY&list=PLMxQfqk4FnSy048szsz4GBi7BG4FKYk-C&index=9>
- My God Is So Big: Amber Sky Records <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaRL-mNFkRA>

Bonus New Song with Dance Moves:

- King Of Everything - Austin Stone Worship: Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkiYYIRNwZg>

Step 2. Opener

- Before the video, say: Today, we're going to read the story of Palm Sunday. This is when Jesus announced that he is King. People were so happy to see Jesus that they were cheering for him. Can you cheer with me? On the count of three, we're going to say, "Hooray!" Ready? 1-2-3, Hooray!" People also said, "Hosanna." Can you guys say, "Hosanna?" It was a really exciting day! Are you ready to hear the story?

Step 3. Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

- Play Video: God's Story / Palm Sunday by Crossroads Kids

Younger kid questions:

1. Why did the people cheer for Jesus? (Because He is the king!)
2. How did people in today's story cheer for or praise Jesus the king? (They yelled praises like "hosanna" and waved palm branches and laid down branches and coats for Jesus to ride his donkey on.)
3. How do you like to praise Jesus? (Here are some ideas: pray, sing, dance, shout "I love you," sit and listen to him, read the Bible, etc.)

Questions for older kids:

1. In today's story, what animal did Jesus ride on? (donkey)
2. What did the people in Jerusalem do as Jesus rode into town? (They waved palm branches and laid them down in front of Jesus.)
3. What were people shouting? ("Hosanna" or "Hooray!") Can you say it with me? 1-2-3 "Hooray!"
4. Why were people shouting and laying down palm branches? (They were so excited that Jesus is King.)
5. Do you guys think it's easy or hard to honor Jesus? Why?
6. How can you honor (or praise) Jesus at home?

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for being our perfect King. Help us to show you we love you, to show love to others, and to honor you as King with our lives. Amen

Review

A long, LONG time ago, God planned to send a perfect king to rescue us. See, in our world we have lots of sadness and sickness and meanness and death. We all make bad choices sometimes. And people aren't very loving. But the Kingdom of GOD is ALL about love! In the Kingdom of God, there's only joy and laughter and hope and life!

So, through the prophet Zechariah, God promised to send a king who is PERFECT—and who can save or rescue God's family from everything wrong in the world. Does anyone know the name of the very special Rescuer God sent? (Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, JESUS. And Jesus brought the Kingdom of God...to us!

The people showed him that they loved him by praising him! They knew he was the king! Jesus wasn't a king who lived in a palace. He is God's very own son, sent from God's Kingdom. And when Jesus came to earth, he brought the Kingdom of GOD to earth. He showed us what love looks like: it's doing things like treating everyone with kindness, helping people, serving those in need, forgiving people when they are mean to us, and obeying people in charge.

One day, Jesus will re-create the world so that there's no more wrong—no more sickness or sadness or meanness or death. Only love. But until then, we can be a part of the Kingdom of God to others by taking Jesus' gift of love and showing love to others just like he did. Even when people are mean to us or we don't feel like being kind.

Step 4. Activities

1. Keep the celebration going!

You can have the kids stand or sit in two lines forming an aisle while you walk the donkey down the center, and they wave the palm branches. Kids can take turns "being" the donkey as well! Have fun with it!

2. DIY Crowns!

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-crown.html>

Say: Today we learned that Jesus is King. So, we're going to decorate crowns to help us remember what we learned. Need crown page and colors, markers, stickers to decorate. As they are decorating the crown, ask them things they love about Jesus. One of the things you guys said was that Jesus is _____ (use an example from your crown activity). How can we act that way toward others? Discuss. (E.g. "Jesus is kind. I can be kind to my little sister by letting her play with me and my friends.") Refer to several different examples.

3. The Perfect Castle

Have the kids work together or separate to build a castle for the perfect King out of Legos, blocks, etc.