



FAMILY GUIDE: APRIL 5, 2020

Activities for Early Childhood and Elementary Families

BIBLE STORY: Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-17

BOTTOM LINE: Worship Jesus

MEMORY VERSE: "...You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"
Matthew 16:16

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

YOU ARE (point up)

THE CHRIST (make a cross with your arms)

THE SON (pretend like you are holding and rocking a baby)

OF THE LIVING (hold both hand up and out like you are worshipping)

GOD (Put both hands up really big)

MATTHEW 16:16 (hold hands open like a book)

FAMILY PRAYER ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: A piece of chalk, and concrete slab (like a drive way or sidewalk)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Drive a palm tree trunk on your driveway.
- Then trace everyone's hands to be the Palm Leaves
 - Ask everyone to name a prayer request and write the request in the middle of everyone's handprint.

WHAT YOU SAY:

- God loves us so much that he sent his Son to rescue us!
- Jesus is our Rescuer and King!
- We should **Worship Jesus!**
- One way that we can worship Him is by talking to Him and having a relationship with Him.
- You can talk to Jesus at anytime of the day and you can talk to Him about everything!



FAMILY ACTIVITY--PALM BRANCH GRAB:

WHAT YOU NEED: Have each family member go outside and pick a small branch off a tree or bush (if you don't want to do this, print or draw, and cut out some palm branches) and you'll also need a way to play some worship music

WHAT YOU DO:

- Play a game similar to musical chairs
- Have everyone put their branches in the middle of your kitchen table
 - You may have to put the branches towards the edge of the table as children have short arms.
- Then instruct everyone to walk around the table while you play worship music
- When the worship music stops, everyone grabs a branch and shouts "Hosanna!" .
- The first round, everyone will get a branch.
- Next, remove one branch, and have everyone play again.
- The person who does not get a branch is out.
- Keep playing until there is only one person left.

Alternate version: have everyone go into a separate room, while you hide the palm branches. Everyone must come out and find a branch. When they find a branch, they shout, "Hosanna!"

WHAT YOU SAY:

- "Hosanna," means save now.
- The people shouted Hosanna in our Bible story today because they wanted someone to save them from the current government.
- Jesus does save us. And Jesus saves us from something greater than rulers; he saves us from our sin and gives us eternal life.
- And because Jesus saved us, He should be the center of our lives and we should worship Him with everything that we have!
- That's our Big Idea today -- **Worship Jesus!**