



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

3/29/26

K-5th grade

- We are back to our **Take Home Sheets**. Please send one home per child.
- If a child wants to make an **extra offering can** either have them do it in class or send it home.
- **DO NOT** put check-out tags or name tags over the room roster tags in roster books.
- **TAKE NAMETAGS OFF KIDS** when they leave your classroom and throw them away.



NOT WITHOUT PASSION TODDLERS

OPENING

As kids arrive be sure they are engaged in an activity. The next two months we are focusing on a sermon series called *Not Without*. For Toddlers we will do different Bible stories that focus on the overall theme of the week.

COLORING SHEETS

Available for any kids who want to color. Have them color a picture of themselves. God made each of us special and God can use us in our lives!

STORY and SNACK

Gather kids to pray and eat snack together. Our theme this week is Not Without Passion. Read *The True King* on page 427 in the Beginner's Bible. Talk about all the people who were honoring Jesus as King but some of the mean religious leaders didn't want Him to be King!

BIBLE STORY

Matthew
21:1-11

BIG IDEA

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NOT WITHOUT PASSION 3-5s

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring and Free Play
- Palm Leaf: Kids can color palm branch and glue to a popsicle stick. Talk about how Jesus came to Jerusalem just a few days before He was to die on the cross. The people were waving palm branches and shouting, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- Resurrection Eggs will be available at the tables. Assign one volunteer to lead this area by opening the eggs with the group and guiding a discussion about the items inside and what they represent. Since this is the week leading up to Easter, focus the conversation on why we celebrate Easter and the story of Jesus. Please do not allow kids to carry the eggs or pieces around the room, as items can easily get lost. Keep everything at the table during the activity.

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Discussion: If you saw Jesus riding a donkey into Folsom, what would you do? What might you say to Him?

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Coloring and table activities
- Free play

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NOT WITHOUT PASSION BIBLE BOX

Hey Friends! I'm so glad you came to church today!

Do you know what a parade is? A parade is when lots of people go and celebrate a holiday or a special person! Parades are very exciting! There's lots of music, lots of dancing, and lots of clapping!

In the Bible there is a story about a very special parade for Jesus. Let's pretend we are at waiting for Jesus at a parade. Are you ready? Let's stand up!

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and people were waiting to see him. Jesus rode into town on a donkey. The people thought Jesus looked like a king! (put hands on top of head like a crown). The people played played music. (everyone pretend to toot a horn) The people danced. (everyone twirl around) The people clapped their hands. (everyone clap) The people waved palm branches. (Everyone wave arms above head, leader can wave the palm branch from Bible Box) And the people shouted Hosanna! (everyone shout Hosanna).

Everyone was so excited and happy to see Jesus (everyone make a big smile and say Hip Hip Hooray!)

We share our love for Jesus when we are kind to others and tell them about Jesus! Give yourself a hug!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, we love you so much! We want everyone to know about you and love you like we do.



NOT WITHOUT PASSION KINDER / 1ST

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WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up and prepare goldfish during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time. This volunteer should join the rest as soon as clean up and snack is set.

SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

- What is your favorite thing to cheer for? And what do you do when you get really excited? (could be a sports team, a birthday, candy, present, etc. Allow as many kids as possible to share)
- Who was coming into the city? (Jesus)
- What animal was Jesus riding? (A donkey)
- What did people put on the ground? (Clothes and palm branches)
- What did the people shout? (Hosanna!)
- What does Hosanna mean? (Save us!)
- Were the people happy or sad when Jesus came? (Very happy, excited, passionate)
- How did they show their excitement? (Cheering, waving branches, shouting etc)
- Do you think Jesus likes it when we are excited about Him? Why? (allow kids to think about this and answer. Be ready to share as well to get things started?)
- How can you show Jesus you love Him? (allow many kids to share)
- Can you think of one way to celebrate Jesus this week? (Some examples: singing, praying, being kind, sharing, telling others about Him, inviting friends to Easter services)
- Pray together and thank God for who He is and what He has done for us!

CLOSING OPTIONS

- Palm Sunday Four Corners: There are 4 signs up in each corner of the room that relate to Palm Sunday. Play music and allow kids to pick a corner. When the music stops, you will call out a corner that is out. See separate instructions in the classroom.

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- Easter Bingo: Will be out this week and next. As you read each calling card, have a child answer what they know about the picture. They can just cross off the spaces they get and toss the Bingo cards when you are done. Can be played at the beginning or end. In the last 10 minutes of class, any winners can come get a prize from the prize box.

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- How can you tell when someone really cares about something?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to ride a donkey instead of a horse? (Shows humility and peace)
- What were the people expecting Jesus to do? (Save them- possibly as a king who would fix things)
- What does the people calling "Hosanna" reveal about what the people wanted? (They wanted to be rescued.. Hosanna means save us.)
- The crowd was passionate on Palm Sunday, what changed later that week? At first, the people were excited because they thought Jesus would be the kind of king they wanted—someone who would fix their problems right away. But when Jesus didn't do what they expected, many people became disappointed or confused. Some followed the crowd instead of truly believing in Him. They liked Jesus when it was exciting—but when things got hard or confusing, some stopped following Him.)
- Why is it sometimes easy to be excited about Jesus at church but harder during the week? (At church, you're surrounded by people who love Jesus, you sing worship songs, and everything helps you focus on Him. During the week, there are distractions like school, friends, activities, and sometimes it feels less "exciting" or you might feel nervous about what others think)
- What's the difference between real passion and just going along with a crowd? (Real passion means you truly love Jesus in your heart and choose to follow Him no matter what, even when it's not popular or easy. Going along with a crowd means you're only excited because others are, not because it's real for you.)
- What does it show about Jesus that He still went to Jerusalem knowing what would happen? (He loved us, had a mission to save us)
- How is Jesus' passion different from the crowd's passion? He was constant and sacrificial as opposed to the crowd who changed their minds based on how they felt)
- What does passion for Jesus look like in your everyday life? (help them think practically about this)
- When is it hard to be passionate about Jesus? (help some honesty here)
- What is ONE way you can show passion for Jesus this week?
- Who is someone you could show Jesus' love to?
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PALM SUNDAY FOUR CORNERS

How to Play

- There are 4 signs in different corners of your classroom.
- Have kids spread out in the room.
- Start playing music. While the music is playing, kids walk around the room.
- When the music stops, everyone must quickly choose a corner and stand there.
- Draw a card from the pile:
 - The corner listed on the card is eliminated, and anyone standing there is out for that round.
 - If you draw a card that says "Switch Corners," everyone must quickly move to a different corner before you draw again.
- Continue playing until one person is left.

Teaching While You Play

As kids move between corners, use the time to talk about the Palm Sunday story. Ask questions, give quick reminders, and keep it interactive and fun!

Corner Themes & Questions

Jesus Enters Jerusalem: Jesus rode into Jerusalem as people gathered for Passover. They had heard about His miracles and were excited to see Him. He rode on a donkey.

Ask:

- Who rode into Jerusalem?
- What did Jesus ride on?
- Why was Jesus coming to Jerusalem?
- What was He really coming to do?

Prophecy Fulfilled: Long before this happened, God promised it would! In Zechariah 9:9, it says the King would come riding on a donkey—showing humility.

Ask:

- Was this foretold in the Old Testament?
- What book of the Bible is this prophecy from?
- What does riding on a donkey symbolize?

Palm Branches on the Road: People waved palm branches and laid them on the road like a royal carpet. They also laid down their cloaks and shouted, "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!"

Ask:

- Why did people wave palm branches?
- What did they shout?
- What does "Hosanna" mean?
- What else did they lay on the road?

Religious Leaders Upset: Not everyone was happy. Some religious leaders didn't believe Jesus was the King and became angry. This is when they began planning to kill Him.

Ask:

- Why were the religious leaders upset?
- Did they believe Jesus was the King?
- Why did they want to stop Him?

Fun Variation

At the start of each round, have kids do a fun action as they move to a corner:

- Shout "HOSANNA!"
- Hop on one foot
- Say "Hee Haw!" like a donkey
- Wave hands like palm branches
- Clap hands
- Jump up and down
- March in place
- Make arm circles

Feel free to create your own actions!



RESURRECTION EGGS

Use the eggs to talk through what we as Christians call Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter. Be careful that kids don't take the pieces away from the table.

Egg #1 - Light Blue (Donkey)

Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. People were so excited and waved and cheered for Him!

Egg #2 - Light Pink (Silver Coins)

Some coins were given to a man named Judas. He made a sad choice and helped people take Jesus away.

Egg #3 - Light Purple (Cup)

Jesus shared a special meal with His friends. The cup reminds us of this special meal that He shared with His disciples and how much He loves us.

Egg #4 - Orange (Praying Hands)

Jesus prayed to God. He talked to God because He trusted Him, even when things were hard and He was facing His death.

Egg #5 - Green (Whip)

Jesus was hurt and beaten by the soldiers. He did nothing wrong. He went through this because He loves us.

Egg #6 - Light Yellow (Crown of Thorns)

A crown of thorns was put on Jesus' head. It hurt Him, even though He is the true King.

Egg #7 - Yellow (Nails in a Cross)

Jesus was put on a cross with nails. He chose to do this because He loves us so much.

Egg #8 - Light Green (Dice)

The soldiers played a game for Jesus' clothes. They did not understand how special He is. In the Old Testament it was predicted this would happen.

Egg #9 - Purple (Spear)

A soldier used a spear to make sure Jesus had died.

Egg #10 - Light Blue (Linen Cloth)

Jesus' friends wrapped His body in cloth and laid Him in a tomb.

Egg #11 - Pink (Stone)

A big stone was rolled in front of the tomb. It looked like the end of the story.

Egg #12 - Gold (Empty)

The egg is empty because Jesus is alive! He came back to life—this is why we celebrate Easter!