



Week 5 - March 28

**People Rejoice as Jesus
Enters Jerusalem
Mark 11:1-11**

Key Verse: Philippians 2:10-11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

Activity: A Donkey?

All of Jerusalem was excited! The people had heard a lot about Jesus, and now they were going to get to meet him! Jesus had to get into town some way, so why not on the foal of a donkey (a colt)? He told two of his disciples to go get one - and to get one that had never been ridden before. If people asked any questions, the disciples were to tell them, "The Lord needs it." And you know what? People did ask. The disciples told them exactly what Jesus told them to say, and the people let them have the colt!

The disciples brought the colt to Jesus and spread their coats on its back. Jesus sat on the colt and rode into Jerusalem. All along the way, people were happy and praising God. You can make your own donkey to help celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

Materials: Donkey outline sheets (included)
Dowel rod (included)
Yarn (included)
Colors, markers, colored pencils
Scissors
Stapler or glue

Instructions:

- Decorate donkey sheets using colors, colored pencils or markers.
- Cut out and staple the donkey sheets together, leaving the bottom (neck) open.
- Decorate the donkey with yarn (staple or glue yarn for a mane, tie or glued yarn for a tail).
- Place the decorated donkey on the dowel rod. You may staple the bottom (neck) close to the dowel to help hold it in place.

Activity: Palms Up!

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, many people in the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread palm branches - just like we roll out the red carpet to welcome special people! Today, when we celebrate a victory, we cheer and wave our hands in the air - the crowd witnessed Jesus' arrival also shouted and cheered!

Materials: Palms Up! mobile sheets (included)
Yarn (included)
Colors, markers, colored pencils
Scissors
Hole punch or sharp pencil
Glue

Instructions:

- Color each of the palm pieces
- Cut out the banner and palm pieces
- Glue the banner pieces together (back to back) and the palm pieces together (back to back)
- Punch each of the black dots with a hole punch or sharp pencil
- Tie a piece of yarn to the banner piece for a hanger
- Connect each palm piece to the banner piece with pieces of string
- Hang your mobile up where you can remember to celebrate Jesus arriving in Jerusalem (throw your hands in the air and shout one of the phrases!) - challenge your family to do the same.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for being the Lord of our lives. Help me honor you in everything I do. I can honor you with actions and words, and by spending time with you. Remind me to honor you by being kind and helping others.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

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