

Jesus n’ Me Palm Sunday Lesson: Who is Jesus?

Concepts Children Learn:

Jesus is the Son of God.
 Jesus loves us.
 Jesus deserves our praise!

Pictures and Crafts to Use With Lesson:

Bible marked with verses Printed lesson, activity pages Coloring and craft pages Green copy paper Fabric paper (Roylco.com) or scrapbook paper Craft supplies Activity supplies Bulletin board decorations	Donkey Puppet Standup Donkey Donkey Picture Coats, Palm Branch Craft Boy with Palms Girl with Donkey Multi-cultural Children
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Prep: Print the story pictures and craft pages. Color the story pictures if using black-and-white. Make a sample of the Standup Donkey (but don’t glue the coats on its back yet). (See Crafts). Before you begin the lesson, hide the Standup Donkey somewhere in the room. Make samples and copies of craft pages for the other crafts you’ll have available for the children to make. Make Coats and Palm Branches (See Activities).

Key Verse: Mark 11:9. **Verses used in lesson:** Mark 11:7-9. **Lesson based on verses:** Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 8:29, 11:1-11; Luke 2:11, 19:28-40; John 6:69, 11:27, 12:12-19.

Lesson Snapshot – Week 1 Lesson, Crafts, Activities (See Crafts and Activities for details)	
Help Me Feel Welcome Warm-up Activity	Let’s Have Snack!
Greet children as they arrive. Show children pictures of donkeys or toy donkeys; or give them donkey puzzles to color.	Kids have Coat-shaped or Palm branch cookies for a fun Palm Sunday snack.
Intro – Tell Me About Palm Sunday	Let’s Talk About Who Jesus is!
Children learned that the prophet Zechariah told this story long before it happened!	Children learn who Jesus is, as the important concepts are explained.
Let’s Pretend to Be the Disciples!	Let me Rhyme Time!
Children pretend to be the disciples and look for the donkey (Standup Donkey). They get to pet the Touch n’ Feel Standup Donkey.	Children join the fun, as you read the ‘If I Was There’ rhyme, and show them the hand motions.
Show Me the Donkey!	Let Me Pray Prayer Time
You use the Standup Donkey to tell the Bible story of the First Palm Sunday, in Skit form.	Children can take turns praying after you or an assistant prays.
Let’s Pretend to Be People in the Crowd	Let’s Make Our Own Standup Donkeys!
Children wave paper palm branches as the Standup Donkey “walks” back and forth.	Children get a chance to make their own stick donkey and “ride” it.
Let’s Praise Jesus!	Donkey Rhyme
Children lay down coats for the Standup Donkey to walk on and shout praises to Jesus.	Children hear the fun Donkey Rhyme that is also a guessing game.