

Bible Passage: Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19

Key Passage phrase: Jesus takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29

BIBLE STORY

God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. Jesus and His friends went to Jerusalem for Passover. Jesus rode to Jerusalem on a donkey. Long ago, God said His special King would ride a donkey. Everyone came out to see Jesus. They put their coats and palm branches on the ground in front of Jesus' donkey. They treated Jesus like a king! The people shouted "Hosanna!" Then Jesus went to the temple. Some people were not treating the temple the right way, so Jesus made them leave. Sick people came to Him, and Jesus healed them. Even children praised Jesus. They knew Jesus was their King.

ACTIVITIES

CRAFT – SEE THE EXAMPLE IN YOUR BIN AND HELP CHILDREN MAKE THE CRAFT.

SHOUT HOSANNA

Invite toddlers to march around the room with you as you play a favorite song. When you stop the music, children will stand still and shout "Hosanna!" and wave their palm branches as they march.

Say: Hosanna means "save now." People and children praised Jesus as King. Jesus is God's Son!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Before doing closing activities, please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out crayons and let children work on today's **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive. When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Leave toys set up on tables so they can be sanitized.
- 2) Use surface spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.