

Preschool Summer
Lesson 9:
People Praise Jesus for Helping

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Learn **Mark 11:1-10** – People praised Jesus because He saves us
- 2) Do activities to remind them to thank and praise Jesus for all He does
- 3) Sing songs of praise to Jesus

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students? See Lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- People Praise Jesus Visual Aid – one for class to share
- People Praise Jesus Activity Sheets – one set per child printed back to back
- Circle Paper Craft – print pages 1 and 2 and cut out before class (including semi-circle on page 1 – one set per child)
- Scissors for teacher
- Marker for teacher and assistant
- Brad or paper fastener clip – one per child
- Palm Branch Craft Template – printed or copied onto green paper – one or two branches per child cut out in advance
- Long Popsicle Stick, Green Chenille Wire, or Tightly Rolled Construction Paper – one per child per branch
- Tape to share

Optional Activities

- Storybook of the Bible story with pictures to show kids (if available) and/or
- Flannel Display Board with pictures or Visual Aids. (if available)
- Towels or construction paper – enough for each child to make a “path” on the ground for Jesus
- Soft ball to roll – one per class to share
- Snack – Coconut shreds (Palm Tree Snack) – enough for each child
- Napkins
- Cups with water
- Puppet to tell students the real events from the Bible

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Have them sit around the table.

While waiting for others to show, you can talk about different ways we worship, praise and give thanks to Jesus at Sunday services - we sing, pray, listen when the Bible is being read, and give for example.

Sing:

Hosanna

Tune: London Bridge

Boys and girls sing Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Boys and girls sing Hosanna! Jesus saves!

If My Name is.....

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

Jesus is my friend, Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

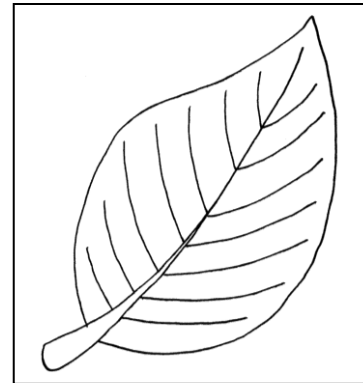
*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

2) People Praise Jesus

10-15 minutes

*Optional: Have visual aid/ or story book pictures ready to show children and have paper palm branches from craft ready – 1 or 2 per child (No need to have the craft complete, just the paper branches are enough for now)

When all arrive say to students, **“We’ve been learning that Jesus is helpful. Today we will learn that people praised Jesus for being helpful.**



We love Jesus. We show Jesus that we love Him when we sing to Him. We can sing songs to Jesus that make Him happy because Jesus is very helpful. Today we will read from the Bible that children told Jesus they loved Him. They said, “Hosanna!” Can you say, “Hosanna”? Have them say it several times. Now you are ready to help as I read the story of people praising Jesus.

Give each child one or two palm branches. Cue them when to wave the palm branches and shout, “Hosanna!” Whenever the word Hosanna or palm branch is mentioned in the account below.

Read paraphrased version from **Mark 11:1-10**

“Hosanna! Hosanna!” The children shouted. “Hosanna! Hosanna!” The moms and dads also shouted; “Hosanna! Hosanna!” All the people shouted.

Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, and He was riding on a donkey. (Show visual aid) The children hurried to see Jesus. Moms and dads hurried to see Jesus. Grandmas and grandpas hurried to see Jesus.

Jesus’ trip to Jerusalem was very special so He chose a very special donkey to ride. His donkey was special because Jesus was the first one to ride him.

As Jesus rode the donkey to Jerusalem, the people came to greet Him. The people knew Jesus was special. Jesus was always so very helpful. They loved Jesus. They wanted to show Jesus how much they loved Him so they praised Him. They cut big palm branches and laid them on the road. Some of the people took off their coats and laid them on the road. They made a soft path for Jesus. Jesus rode His donkey over the soft path that was made of palm branches and coats.

“Hosanna! Hosanna!” The children shouted. “Hosanna! Hosanna!” The moms and dads also shouted; “Hosanna! Hosanna!” All the people shouted. Jesus was here. Everyone celebrated and thanked God for Jesus. Because Jesus is very helpful. The people were happy because they loved Jesus!

Ask the following questions:

How did Jesus get to Jerusalem? Rode on a donkey

What did the children do when they saw Jesus riding on a donkey? They shouted “Hosanna” and made a path out of palm branches and coats.

Why were the children happy? They loved Jesus and wanted to praise Jesus for helping

Since we are talking about children singing songs of praise to Jesus. Let's sing some songs to tell Jesus how much we love Him and how happy we are that Jesus is helpful and is our Friend.

Let's sing:

Hosanna

Tune: London Bridge

Boys and girls sing Hosanna!
Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Boys and girls sing Hosanna! Jesus
saves!

If My Name is.....

If my name is _____ Jesus is my
friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my
friend.

Jesus is my friend, Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my
friend.

*Fill in name of each child in the room
one at a time.

This is the Way

Sung to the tune of Here We Go
'Round the Mulberry Bush

This is the way we sing to God,
Sing to God, sing to God.
This is the way we sing to God,
When we worship Him.

This is the way we pray to God,
pray to God, pray to God.
This is the way we pray to God,
When we worship Him.
(Show hands together as if in prayer)

This is the way we read our Bible,
Read our Bible, read our Bible.
This is the way we read our Bible,
When we worship Him.
(Show hands opening as if your hands
were a book and you were trying to
read)

3) People Praise Jesus Circle Paper Craft

10-15 minutes

Before Class: Print and cut out circles from page 1 and 2 templates, including the white semi-circle on page 1. Gather a brad or paper fastener –one per child. Have a marker and crayons ready.

During class: Hand out page 1 to each child explain that: **We are going to make moving palm branches for the lady to give praises to Jesus. First we need to color the front page while I go around and write the words from the Bible: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! Matthew 21:9.**



When everyone has their Scripture written on the front and the front page scribble-colored, hand out the back page 2 – one per child along with a brad fastener. Help the children attach the second page behind the first page and then fasten it in the center. (See picture) Once attached, have students move page 2 in a circle watching as the branches sway back and forth.

Ask the students the questions asked earlier while they play with their paper crafts.

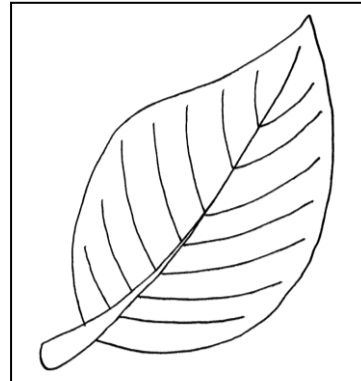
*Adapted from The Big Book of Christian Crafts

4) Palm Branches Craft

10 minutes

*Before class have palm branches printed onto green paper or construction paper and cut out. Gather tape and either chenille wire, long Popsicle sticks, or a tightly rolled up piece of construction paper for each child. If making two branches per child gather two of each item per child.

During class: To remind us that children praised Jesus we are going to make palm branches to wave and lay down – just like the people did who were praising Jesus for being helpful.



Flip craft leaf over and tape either the long wire, stick or roll to the back of the leaf so that a child could still hang onto the end of the wire, stick or roll to wave the branch. Let children practice waving their branches and singing the Hosanna song.

5) Optional: God Provides - Roll the Ball Game

5 minutes

During class, tell the kids, **“Let’s all sit on the floor in a circle. While we are in the circle we are going to pass the ball to one another, as you pass the ball gently to a person and the person gets the ball; I want them to say, “Hosanna; Jesus saves!”**

You can only pass the ball to someone who hasn’t had a turn yet, if someone catches the ball that already had a turn, you must give it to someone who hasn’t so we call get a chance to play, ok? ”

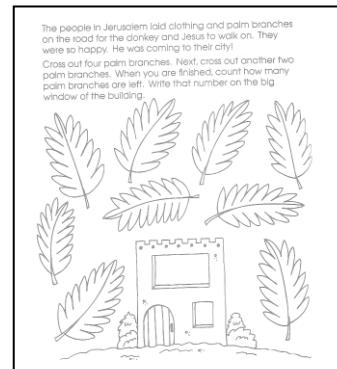
Remember, the person who gets the ball, must say “Hosanna Jesus saves!”

Make sure each child gets a turn before doing another round or moving on to another activity.

6) People Praise Jesus Activity Sheets

10-15 minutes

Hand out one set of sheets to each child. Read the directions while handing out crayons and have students follow what is required on each page. If time and you want them to color, talk about all the ways Jesus is helpful and deserves praise. Ideas might include: He is helpful in answering prayers, helps the sick, gives us family and friends, provides food, clothing and homes, etc.



7) Optional: Practice Praising Jesus Time

5-10 minutes

Have children stand with you and do the following a few times

Action rhyme:

Jesus rode a donkey (Pretend to ride a donkey) **One day to Jerusalem.**

The people shouted, "Hosanna! Jesus saves!" (Cup hands over mouth)

And showed their love for Him. (Make a heart with your hands by bending fingers together and pointing thumbs to the ground)

*If you have towels or extra pieces of construction paper and if made palm branches, have children make paths in the classroom with towels/paper and then wave palm branches and lay them down pretending Jesus is going by and singing Hosanna song.

8) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder especially songs about praising Jesus.

9) Optional – Snack : Coconut Treats

5 minutes

Hand out a snack for each child. (Anything made with coconut) Also give each child a glass of water. Explain that, **"The people laid palm branches on the ground. Palm branches come from the palm tree which provides us with yummy coconuts! So today we are going to have a coconut snack to remind us that the people praised Jesus for being helpful by laying coats and palm branches on the ground and shouting "Hosanna!" as Jesus went. Let's talk about all the ways we can praise and give thanks to Jesus while we eat our coconut palm snack.** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

10) Close in prayer

Ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray, then say: Thank You God for the world You made and for showing us people in the Bible who followed Jesus. Thank you Jesus for our families too. Thank You Jesus that You bless us and provide for us! You are worthy of praise and thanksgiving because You are always very helpful to everyone. Thank you for providing our food, clothes, family, homes and friends. Thank you for everyone here today and those who could not be here because they were sick or away. We pray you will bring us all back to Sunday school next week safely. In Jesus name, Amen.