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WEEKLY BIBLE STORY: We can celebrate Jesus.
Palm Sunday • *Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15*

MEMORY VERSE: *"We have seen amazing things today!" Luke 5:26 NLT*

KEY QUESTION: Who is amazing?

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is amazing!

OPENING ACTIVITY - Jesus Celebration

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY - Memory Verse Dance Line

CRAFT - Hosanna Headbands

CLOSING ACTIVITY – Riding into Town

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OPENING ACTIVITY | JESUS CELEBRATION

SUPPLIES: an assortment of preschool musical instruments

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:
***Before the Activity*:**

- Give each child a musical instrument to play.

- "Hey, everyone! Come get an instrument and celebrate Jesus with me!"

During the Activity:

- Lead the children around the room as they march and dance and celebrate Jesus.

- "The people in Jerusalem were so excited that Jesus was coming to their town. They made a path of coats and palm branches for Jesus to walk on. They waved palm branches and shouted, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' Let's march and dance around the room as we play our instruments and shout, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' *(Repeat as you move around playing the instruments.)* Wow, friends, that was amazing! Sit down right where you are and hold your instruments still."

After the Activity:

- "It was a very happy day for the people! They celebrated, and we can, too, because ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing!** ***[Key Question]*** **Who is amazing?** ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing!** Yay! Let's celebrate Jesus right now with some music! Play your instruments one more time! *(Pause.)* Super-duper!

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY | MEMORY VERSE DANCE LINE

SUPPLIES: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:
Before the Activity:

- Gather the children together in an open area and help them form two lines facing each other with some space to walk/dance between the two lines. Say the Memory Verse as you do the motions with the children.

- "Friends, I have a super fun way for us to say our verse today! But first we need to make two lines of friends. I need some friends to stand on this side and others on this side. *(Help position children into two lines facing each other with enough space between them to walk/dance.)* Great, now that we have our two lines, let's say our verse together as we do the motions.

- *"*Now, let's learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: 'We have seen.' *(Point to self.)* Put your pointer finger up and tap your chest like this *(pointer finger up, then tap your chest)* and say, 'We have seen.' *(Repeat with children.)* Great job!

- "The next part of our verse says: 'Amazing things today.' *(Hands like binoculars, open and shut.)* Make circles with both hands and put them up to your eyes like this *(put both your hands to your eyes like binoculars or glasses).* Open and close them and say, 'amazing things today.' *(Repeat with children.)* Wonderful! Now let's put that together. 'We have seen *(point to self)* amazing things today!" *(Hands like binoculars, open and shut.)* Great job!

- "Now the last part is: 'Luke 5:26.' (*Open hands like a book.)* Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book) and* say: Luke 5:26. *(Repeat with children.)* Great job!

During the Activity*:*

- Encourage children to take turns dancing down the middle of the two lines as everyone else says the verse together. Continue with each child.

- "Now it's time for the super fun part! [Child's name], come stand here with me. *(Stand at the opening on one end.)* We are going to say the Memory Verse while you dance or walk through this line of friends. Ready? Let's go!

- You did it! Join the line at that end and our next friend, [child's name], will get to dance through. *(Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.)* Wow, friends! What a fun way to say our Memory Verse! We can dance and be happy because ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing!**

Option: Say the verse in different ways i.e. slowly, quickly, in a high voice, in a low voice, as each of the children take a turn dancing down the dance line. Repeat until every child has had an opportunity to participate.

After the Activity*:*

- "The Bible teaches us that nothing is too hard for Jesus because ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing!** Jesus did something that no one else can do because Jesus is God's Son. **Who is amazing? *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is amazing!"**

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CRAFT | Hosanna Headbands

SUPPLIES: paper headbands, crayons, markers, stickers, crafting supplies, tape

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

Before the Activity:

- Gather the kids at a table and help them decorate a headband. Encourage their creativity! Point them to the various materials they can use.

During the Activity:

- Say *"Jesus rode into town on a donkey! The people were so excited! They waved palm branches and shouted, 'Hosanna! God saves!' We can celebrate Jesus, too!"*
- March around the room
- Have a mini parade
- Shout "Hosanna!" together
- Find the worship music on the TV and have a 2-minute Palm Parade.

After the Activity:

- "It was a very happy day for the people! They celebrated, and we can, too, because ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing!** ***[Key Question]*** **Who is amazing?** ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing!** Yay! Let's celebrate Jesus right now with some music! Play your instruments one more time! *(Pause.)* Super-duper!

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BIBLE STORY

Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's true story from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, and everywhere He went, lots of people wanted to see Him. They had heard of all the amazing things Jesus had done, and they wanted Jesus to help them.

"One day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to the city of Jerusalem. They walked everywhere they went. But this time, Jesus asked two of His friends to go into the village that was before them. He told them they would find a donkey and its baby donkey.

"What sound do donkeys make? *(Listen.)*

Note: To make the ASL sign for "donkey," mimic a donkey's ear by placing the thumb of one hand on the side of your head and flap the fingers up and down.

"Yes, donkeys say: *(ASL for donkey.)* 'Hee-haw!' Do that with me.

CHILDREN and LEADER: *(ASL for donkey.)* "Hee-haw! Hee-haw! Hee-haw!"

LEADER: "The disciples did exactly what Jesus said. They found the *(ASL for donkey)* donkeys and brought them to Jesus.

"Jesus got on the little donkey, and He rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem. Lots of people made a special path for Jesus. They spread their coats on the ground. Others cut branches from palm trees and spread them on the road, and some waved palm branches in the air.

"Can you pretend to wave a palm branch in the air?"

Pretend to wave a palm branch in the air. Optional: Give children a piece of green crepe paper stream to use as a palm branch.

"Yes! The people were treating Jesus like a king! There were so many people around Jesus, and they all shouted: 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' Say that with me."

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!"

LEADER: "Again!"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!"

LEADER: "Hosanna is a special word that means: 'Please save us!' The people wanted Jesus to help them, and they were celebrating Jesus because they knew ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing.**

"The whole city saw and heard what was going on.

The people asked, "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10 NIrV).

"And the people said: 'This is Jesus! God sent Him to us!'

"And that's true! The Bible teaches us that God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. And we can celebrate Jesus just like the people in the Bible because ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus is amazing."

LEADER: "Yes, ***[Bottom Line]* Jesus is amazing.** *(Pick up and close Bible.)*

"Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER - Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Jesus is so amazing. Help us celebrate Jesus every day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

CLOSING ACTIVITY | Riding into Town

SUPPLIES: pool noddle donkeys to ride like a stick horse; palm branches

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:
Before the Activity:

- Pick a safe path in the classroom.
- Mark a start and finish line.
- Leaders and kids lay down palm branches along the path to prepare the way.
- Say "***They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus. They shouted, 'Praise God! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!'" John 12:13***

During the Activity:

- Line kids up at the starting line
- Explain the rules – walk or gallop to the finish line across the branches and then back to the starting line.
- Turn on fun music (worship music on the TV).
- Take turns one at a time riding the donkey into town.
- Cheer for your friends.
- Repeat as long as time and interest permit.