

Palm Sunday For Kids

The following videos tell the story of the triumphal entry on what is known now as Palm Sunday. The one for the older kids goes more in depth.

[Palm Sunday Older Kids](#)

[Palm Sunday for younger kids](#)

Activity Idea from our Children's Church curriculum(made for a group but can be modified)

Supplies

Bibles

red crepe paper

yellow crepe paper

purple crepe paper

green crepe paper

Chairs

Welcome a King

Say: Today we're learning that Jesus is the King. Let's imagine what a royal parade for a king would look like today.

Choose one child from every two small groups to represent a king.

Ask kids to think about how a king would be dressed. Have kids use crepe paper to "dress" the kings. As kids add the following adornments, the kings can announce their royal opinion about how kids are doing.

Ask kids to think about a king's royal carriage. For each king, have them put two chairs together, facing each other, and use crepe paper to decorate them like carriages.

Tell kids that sometimes we roll out a red carpet for important people. Have kids use red crepe paper to make a red carpet for each king.

Have kids use crepe paper to make flags or banners to use as the kings pass by on the red carpets.

Read Matthew 21:1-11 aloud slowly. As you read, have kids take away crepe paper to show what wasn't present. For example, they can dismantle the carriages when Jesus' disciples get the donkey. When all the crepe paper is cleaned up, they can throw down small pieces of green crepe paper to represent the palm leaves for Jesus.

Ask: • How does Jesus' parade compare with the royal parade we threw?

Say: The people treated Jesus like a king, but he didn't really act like one. While people praised him, he came in a pretty humble way—on a baby donkey, probably in regular clothes. Why is that? If Jesus is the King, why isn't he more like kings today? Let's dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Say: To start, let's look at a prophecy about Jesus' parade. A prophecy is a message from God about what will happen in the future. Prophets who lived long before Jesus was born had some things to say about today's Bible story.

Read Matthew 21:4-5 and Zechariah 9:9. Then have small groups discuss this question.

Ask: • How does our Bible story show what Zechariah said would happen?

Say: There were also some kings back in the Old Testament—the first part of the Bible. Let's see how they were treated.

Read 2 Kings 9:13. Then read Matthew 21:8. Then have small groups discuss this question.

Ask: • How was Jesus treated like an Old Testament king?

Say: Even though Jesus wasn't treated like we might treat a king or celebrity today, back then it was normal for people to praise kings with palm leaves and cloaks.

But there's something else about Jesus being a king that's very different from today's kings.

Read 1 Timothy 6:15. Then have small groups discuss this question.

Ask: • How is this different from a king on earth?

Say: The people who gave Jesus a parade probably thought Jesus was going to be a good king on earth. The kings that were ruling weren't very fair to God's people. The people wanted a new king, and they thought Jesus was it! They thought he would be more like our

crepe-paper king. In fact, there was another time people wanted to force Jesus to be their king. Let's check it out.

Read John 6:15.

Say: Jesus wasn't that kind of king. In fact, here's what happened less than a week after today's Bible story: Jesus died. That's because Jesus is the King of all kings. He's the king forever, not just for a little bit on earth. Every king on earth has died or will die, and then they're not king anymore. But Jesus is the forever king in heaven! He died—but came back to life three days later!

Ask: • Why is Jesus' forever kingdom better than being a king on earth?

Say: As you listen to these verses, think about what they say about who Jesus was on earth and who he is in heaven.

Read Philippians 2:6-11. Then have small groups discuss this question.

Ask: • What do these verses show about who Jesus was on earth? about who he is in heaven?

Say: Jesus is the King, but he didn't come to earth to be a human king. He came to show us God's great love and to take the punishment for our sins so we can be part of his kingdom forever! Jesus is the King of heaven and earth! One day, everyone will bow before King Jesus!