



PARENT GUIDE – PRESCHOOL

WEEK OF APRIL 4-5



Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler. First, watch the preschool video to hear God's truth in a way your child can understand and enjoy. Then, follow up with the activities below!

MEMORY VERSE

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son."

John 3:16, GNT

KEY QUESTION

Who is the best?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the best!

Bible Story Recap

Let's talk about today's story.

- Who was in our story today? (*Jesus, crowds of people including children*)
- What was Jesus riding? (*Donkey*)
- What did the crowds of people do? (*They put their coats on the ground, waved palm branches, shouted Hosanna!*)
- Share: We should all celebrate Jesus because **Jesus is the best!**

Activity Act It Out

What You Need: Stick horse, broom handle or a pool noodle to represent the donkey, several coats, a few green branches from outdoors or paper strips anything to represent the palm leaves.

What You Do: Family members take turns to ride the donkey down the path while others wave their palm branches. Lay coats on floor to make a path.

Say: "The people had a praise party for Jesus in our story today. I think we should have one too! When the people heard Jesus was coming, they laid their coats on the ground before Him. Now, (first family member) pretend to ride the donkey (*hold up pool noodle donkey*) on the coat path and everyone else can wave their palm branches and say, 'Hosanna.' It will be just like we heard in our story today!

Jesus was coming to town and everyone wanted to see Him. (*Let first person start riding donkey and everyone else wave their branches.*) People lined the streets and pulled off palm branches from the trees and said 'Hosanna' to praise Jesus, just like we are doing now. Now let's have someone else have a turn riding the donkey."

That was so much fun riding the donkey and waving our palm branches. It is so much fun to praise Jesus because He is the BEST! **Who is the best? [Bottom Line] Jesus is the best!**"

Prayer

What You Need: Paper and a pencil, pen or marker

What You Do: Encourage your family members to list ways they praise Jesus(sing songs to Him, attend church , talk to Him, and love people the way He loves people

Say: "We can do things like sing songs to Him, go to church like we did today, talk to Him, and then the best thing is love people the way He loves people! Think about how you want to show Jesus how happy you are that He wants to be your friend forever. Let's make a list and then we can use our list when we pray."

Lord, Jesus really is the best! Thank You for loving us so much that You gave Him to us to be our friend forever. We want Jesus to know how happy we are to have Him as our friend. Please help *our family* to (*say actions listed*) . . . so we can show how happy we are to have Jesus as our friend. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.