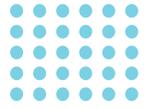


Lesson Materials: Bible, plate, cup of water, clear liquid dish soap, cotton swabs, large bowl, pepper

Bible Story: Palm Sunday

Need to Know: Jesus Is The King!

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Circle Up

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK

- Have you ever seen a parade in person or on tv? What do you think it would be like to be in a parade?

Encourage each family member to take turns sharing.

SAY

No one deserves a parade more than Jesus because **Jesus is the King!** Let's see what the Bible says about Jesus' parade. One way God talks to us is through the Bible—his special book. God is here right now, ready to talk to us.

Watch

Watch today's teaching video [here](#).

ASK

Your Elementary Schooler:

- * If you could create a parade float, what would it look like?
- * What does it mean to you when you hear the word 'worship'?
- * How is Jesus similar to what you'd expect a king to be like? How is he different?

ASK

Your Prechooler:

- * If you were king or queen for the day, what rules would you make?
- * What do you think is the job of a king or queen?
- * How can you praise Jesus?

Have Fun Together

Use these activities to have fun together while learning about God.

READ & PLAY

Read the following verses aloud as a family together:

Luke 19:28-40; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-16

The Bible tells us the people waved palm branches and shouted praises to Jesus as he rode by. When the Pharisees told Jesus to make them stop, Jesus told them that if the people were quiet, even the stones would burst out in cheers.

Gather in a circle and take turns calling out either "praise" or "stones." When the word "praise," is called out, everyone will wave their hands over their heads like they're waving palm branches. For "stones," everyone will curl into a ball on the ground and cheer. Start out slowly calling either "praise" or "stones" - then begin calling out the commands faster and faster.

Discuss the following:

- Was it hard to keep up in this game?
- When is it hard for you to remember to praise Jesus?
- How does it make you feel to know that the stones would praise Jesus even if people wouldn't?

*Sometimes we're moving so fast or are so focused on other things that we forget that Jesus is the King. The Bible reminds us that as King, Jesus deserves our praise. Even the stones would recognize that **Jesus is the King!***

EXPERIMENT

Materials needed: plate, cup of water, clear liquid dish soap, cotton swabs, large bowl, pepper
Set out a plate and cup of water; pour water onto the plate. Next sprinkle some pepper on the water. Give each family member a cotton swab, [making sure one person gets one that has been dipped in dish soap]. One at a time, take turns gently touching the cotton swabs to the surface of the water [the clean cotton swabs may part the pepper a little bit, but the dish soap-soaked ones will have a much bigger impact].

Discuss the following questions together:

- How could you tell who had "Power Over Pepper"?
- How can you tell that Jesus is the King, worthy of praise?

One person in our family had "Power Over Pepper." You could tell they had power because of what they did! One way we can tell **Jesus is King** is because of the miracles he did.

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our King! We praise you because you deserve it! Help us live and love more like Jesus each day. Lord, you are King of the world and we want you to be number one in our lives. We ask this in Jesus' powerful name, *Amen!*