

# Joy Kids Curriculum

Sunday, April 5, 2020

# Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

**Supplies: ESV Version Bible, pencil, crayons/markers, paper**

### Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Discuss:** Next week is Easter! This week we will be talking about what happened right before Easter Sunday. Jesus came into a town called Jerusalem.
- **Ask:** Do you think people were happy, sad, or mad to see Him? How would you feel about seeing Him?
- **Read:** "Palm Sunday" (Page 4)
  - o If you have older children that can read you can have them read from the Bible before reading the story to them.
  - o If you have younger children you can have them color the coloring page provided (page 5) while you are reading the story. They tend to pay attention better when they are able to do this.
  - o Here is a short video as well that covers the same story. This is especially good for younger children! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>
- **Discuss** In this story we see that Jesus made a trip into Jerusalem.
  - o What animal did He ride on? Why didn't He just drive in a car?
  - o Why do we need Jesus?
  - o Why was seeing Jesus so special for the people?
  - o What does the word "Hosanna" mean?
- **Say:** Let's take some time to discuss what we would do if Jesus came to our town.
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- **Activity**– We are going to make some palm leaf branches!
  - o With paper draw out your leaf, cut it out, and color.
  - o Pretend you are greeting Jesus into your city with your palm leaves!
- Worksheets (Pages 6 & 7)
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.

BONUS: Pastor Brandon will be leading us in communion during the live stream this Sunday. Please make sure to include your child(ren) in this! All you need is a bit of food (cracker or bread is fine) and something to drink (juice or water is fine).

## Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11)

As Jesus came closer to Jerusalem, he asked two of his disciples to go ahead of Him. He said, "When you get to the town, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it, and bring it to me. If anyone asks you about taking the donkey, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it and He will bring it back as soon as He's done with it.'"

So, the disciples did as Jesus asked. They soon found the donkey tied at a doorway. As they were untying it, some people were standing nearby visiting. They didn't recognize the men and asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying the donkey?"

They replied just as Jesus had told them to. Explaining that the Lord needed it, the people let them go.

When they brought the donkey to Jesus, some of the disciples took off their coats and laid them on the donkey's back. They did this out of respect for Jesus. Then Jesus rode on the donkey towards Jerusalem.

As He was traveling, some people saw Jesus coming and came running towards Him. They had heard He might be coming and they wanted to see him because he had just helped a dead man come back to life.

One by one, they laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to step on. Even the people that weren't wearing coats ran to the fields and trees nearby and cut palm branches and laid them down.

These people knew that Jesus was special. It was like when a King or Queen would come to town, and people would roll out a red carpet for him or her to step on. This is what these people did for Jesus when they laid down their coats and branches.

As they got even closer to the town, more and more people noticed Jesus. A crowd surrounded Him and started to shout praises to Him for all the miracles He had done: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!"

The word Hosanna means *save us*. They said this because Jesus was helping them and doing amazing things. They wanted to praise Him, and they wanted Him to keep helping them.

Some men named Pharisees (these men thought they were important; a lot of the people listened to them). They heard the crowd praising God. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, why don't you tell these people to stop praising you as if you were God?"

The Pharisees thought that Jesus was getting too much attention from the people. They wanted to be the most important, but everyone was listening to Jesus instead.

Jesus replied, "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out!" Even the rocks knew that He was God; after all, Jesus did make them.

Now Jesus could see Jerusalem and it made Him very sad. He came to help the people, but no one realized that He was God, and they didn't accept Him.



## Palm Sunday

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

1. "Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two **friends/disciples**, saying to them, "Go into the **village/town** in front of you, and immediately you will find a **donkey/tiger** tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me."  
Matthew 21:1-2

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

2. "If anyone says anything to you, \_\_\_\_\_ shall say, 'The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ them,' and he will send them at \_\_\_\_\_."  
Matthew 21:3

3. "This took place to fulfill what was \_\_\_\_\_ by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, \_\_\_\_\_, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a \_\_\_\_\_ of burden.'"  
Matthew 21:4-5

### TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them."  
**TRUE or FALSE** Matthew 21:6

5. "They brought the tiger and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them."  
**TRUE or FALSE** Matthew 21:7

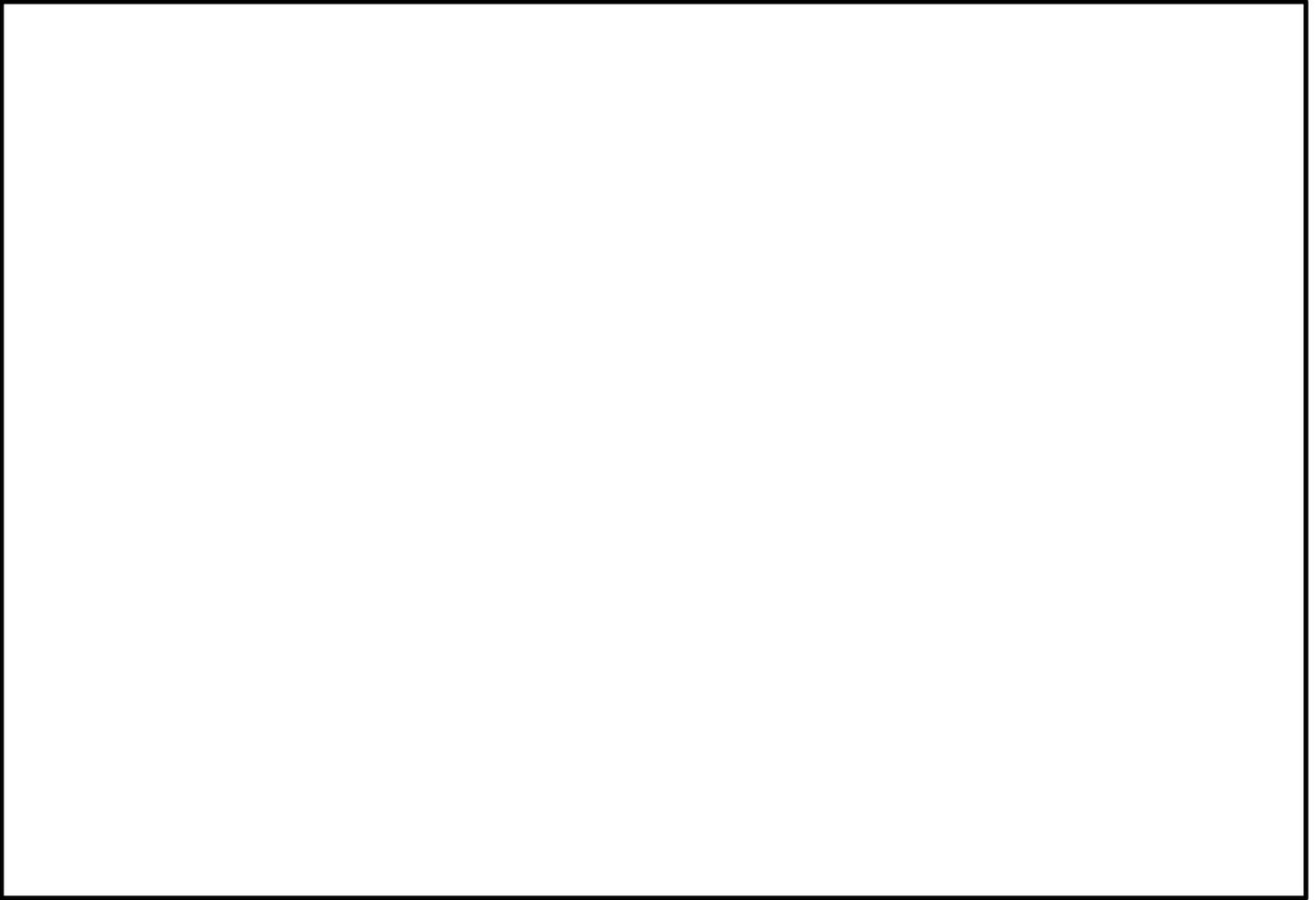
6. "Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the street."  
**TRUE or FALSE** Matthew 21:8

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

7. "And the **people/crowds** that went before him and that followed him were **yelling/shouting**, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the **highest/lowest!**"  
Matthew 21:9

8. And when he **entered/left** Jerusalem, the whole city was **crazy/stirred** up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the **teacher/prophet** Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."  
Matthew 21:10-11

Draw a picture of you greeting Jesus in Jerusalem!



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