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Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 5

Bible Story: Palm Sunday / Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet • *John 12:9-19, 13:1-17*

Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to be humble.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* • *Philippians 2:3 NIRV*

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections from God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Jesus Thaumatrope (K-1st grade), Build the Story (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (Preteen)

Application Activity: Humble Feet (K-1st grade), Cheer for Jesus (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (Preteen)

Memory Verse Activity: Your Best Foot Forward (K-1st grade), Hopscotch Memory (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (Preteen)

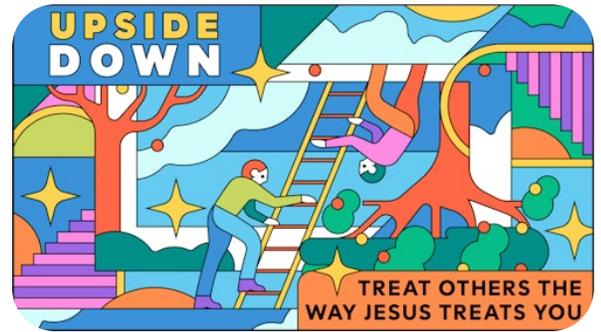
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss (K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade), Make It Personal with Prayer (Preteen)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

Palm Sunday / Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
• *John 12:9-19, 13:1-17*

Conversation Starter

When has someone put you first?

Bottom Line

Jesus showed us how to be humble.

Monthly Memory Verse

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5 min

Social

5 min

23 Social Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

 Offering container	0
 Print "Palm Sunday Spot It" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one set for every three kids	3
 Print "Palm Sunday Spot It Instructions" on cardstock and cut, one card for each set of playing cards	1
 3-inch circle punch or scissors	1

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

23 – Build the Story | Made to Create

Before group time:

- Punch each card with a 3-inch circle punch.

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids by name with a high five or fist bump!
- Invite the kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Divide the kids into groups of three.
- Give each group a "Palm Sunday Spot It Instruction Card" and place a deck of cards from the "Palm Sunday Spot It" Activity Page face down in the middle of each group.
- Explain that on any two cards, there is always one, and only one, matching picture on each round of cards.
- Demonstrate by playing a practice round for the entire group to see.
- The first kid to spot the match and call it out wins those cards.
- When a match is spotted, flip the next top two cards in the pile over, and everyone will try and spot the next match.
- Let the groups play for several minutes, finding the matches between their cards. The pictures will include pictures such as a donkey, palm leaf, coat, people shouting, and Jesus.
- The kid with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

What You Say:

"You have sharp eyes! It's fun to spot the matches. Does anyone know what today is? Yes! It's Palm Sunday. It's a day that we celebrate the week before Easter, a day that we celebrate Jesus! The pictures on our cards today are all clues about our Bible Story. **[Transition] It's a story about a day when a huge crowd was trying to spot Jesus! Let's go find out what happened.**"

What You Do:

- Read John 12:12-15 and John 13:3-5 out loud to the group.
- Share that another of the writers of another gospel tells us that the people laid their coats and branches from the trees on the road that Jesus traveled down! That was something you did for someone so important! The people were so excited that Jesus was coming!
- Divide your group into four groups.

What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  LEGOs® or other building blocks, Several enough for four teams to build an illustration from the Bible Story



EveryChild Tips

- Use larger blocks, like DUPLO®, for kids who need more support with fine motor skills.
- Partner kids so that each team has a strong builder who can help bring the team's ideas to life.

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 – Cheer for Jesus | Made to Move

What You Need

No supplies needed

- Give each team a specific part of the Palm Sunday story to build with their LEGOs®.
- Team 1: Build the donkey Jesus rode.
- Team 2: Build the road with coats and branches on it.
- Team 3: Build the crowd of people who were celebrating and waving palm branches.
- Team 4: Build Jesus washing the disciples' feet.
- Give them several minutes to build their part of the story.
- When they are done, bring all the creations together and use them to retell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem like a king and Jesus serving others by washing feet.

What You Say:

"Look at this! You built the whole story! Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, and the people celebrated Jesus like a king. They made a special path with coats and branches and waved palm branches in the air as they shouted 'Hosanna.' 'Hosanna' means, 'save us, we pray.'

"But Jesus showed them that He is an 'upside down' kind of King. A few days later, Jesus did the job of a servant and washed His friends' feet. Jesus, the true King of heaven and earth, chose to take on this humble job of washing feet. Jesus even washed the feet of Judas Iscariot, whom He knew was about to betray Him to the religious leaders! Jesus did that to teach us all an important lesson. Jesus showed us how to treat others and put others first. **[Bottom Line] Jesus showed us how to be humble.**"

What You Do:

- Remind the kids how the crowd on Palm Sunday shouted "Hosanna!" to celebrate Jesus. "Hosanna!" means "save us, we pray!"
- Tell the kids that you are going to create your own cheer for Jesus.
- Brainstorm some simple words for your cheer together. (e.g., "J-E-S-U-S, He's the very best!" or "Hosanna in the highest! Jesus is our King!")
- Create some simple motions to go with your cheer—like clapping, stomping, or raising your hands.
- Practice your cheer together a few times, getting louder and more excited each time.
- Divide into two groups and have a "cheer-off."

What You Say:

"That was an awesome cheer! It's great to celebrate Jesus. But Jesus taught us that cheering for Him with our mouths isn't enough. He also

5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

	Print "Put It at His Feet" Activity Page on 11-inch x 17-inch paper	1
	Sticky notes	1
	Coloring supplies	Several
	Wall tape	1

wants us to 'cheer' for Him with our actions. **[Bottom Line] Jesus showed us how to be humble.**

"Now, showing humility like Jesus is tough, because the world tells us we're supposed to get ahead and be important. We need the help of the Holy Spirit inside us to set aside what we want in order to serve others like Jesus. But when we ask Jesus to give us the ability to be humble, He will do it! When we choose to be humble and put others first, we are showing the world how amazing Jesus is."

Before group time:

- *Tape the picture of Jesus to a wall at a level the kids can reach.*

What To Do:

- Give each kid a sticky note and a marker.
- Ask them to think of one person they want to "put first" this week by serving them. It could be a parent, a sibling, or a friend.
- Instruct the kids to draw a picture of that person on their sticky note.
- Invite them one by one to come and stick their note on the wall at Jesus' feet.

What You Say:

"This is a beautiful picture. We are giving our plans to Jesus and asking Him to help us serve the people in our lives. When we serve others, we're doing just what Jesus did—we're putting others first. Don't forget, we have the Holy Spirit to help us. It might be difficult at times or feel 'upside down,' but we don't have to do it alone. Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us put others first and love like Him.

"Dear Jesus, thank You for being our King. Thank You for showing us that being a leader means serving others. Help us to be humble this week. Help us put the people we drew on our notes first. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

23 Social Activity | Made to Play Quantity

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| 1. | Offering container | 0 |
| 2. | Print "Palm Sunday Spot It" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one set for every three kids | 3 |
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| 4. | 3-inch circle punch or scissors | 1 |

23 – Build the Story | Made to Create Quantity

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| 1. | Bible | 1 |
| 2. | LEGOs® or other building blocks, enough for four teams to build an illustration from the Bible Story | Several |

23 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect Quantity

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