

First Look | March 29

Today's Bible Story: Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15

I can celebrate Jesus.

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse: "We have seen amazing things today!" (Luke 5:26 NLT).

1. Hosanna Megaphone

What You Need:

- "Hosanna Megaphone Label" Activity Page
- Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent
- Paper cup with handles
- Leaf, Heart, and Smiley face stickers
- Permanent marker
- Craft knife

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF at the front of your leader binder.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Hosanna Megaphone Label" on label paper, one label per child. Cut the bottom off each cup. Write each child's name on their cup. Say the verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity: Encourage children to add their labels and stickers to their cups. Show children how to hold the cup by the handles and say the verse together several times.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand with me, and let's say our verse together as we do the motions. Ready? Here we go. 'We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today! (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*). Great job, everyone! Now sit at the table with me and let's make a megaphone to celebrate."

During the Activity: "Put this label on your cup. It has our Memory Verse on it. (*Pause.*) Now add some of these fun stickers. (*Pause.*) Great! Everyone, hold your cup like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Put it up to your mouth and let's say our verse together. 'We have seen amazing things today!' Luke 5:26. Wow! One more time! 'We have seen amazing things today!' Luke 5:26. That was fantastic!"

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that we can celebrate Jesus because Jesus is God’s Son and **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** In today’s Bible Story, people celebrated Jesus by making a path of coats and palm branches for Jesus to travel over. People waved palm branches and shouted, Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Tell me, **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** One more time! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

2. Pray

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”