



Oaktree Anglican

Kids
Ministry
Activity Packs

Acorns
Palm Sunday



*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Timothy 3:14-15*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week children will be starting the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter morning. Throughout this week family devotions will be sent to you for, Passover and Good Friday. Then on Easter Day there will be another full activity pack for Family Worship.

Today's session will be focusing on Jesus arriving in Jerusalem welcomed as King! What a radical transformation to be welcomed as a King to then be killed as a criminal.

If you have children in more than one age group, can I please encourage you to pick one program that you feel works best for all your children's ages and complete that together as a family.

I would love to have some photos of the beautiful artworks your children will create in order to put them in our weekly bulletin to encourage the rest of our church community with what our precious children are doing.

Blessings,
Jess

Supplies

- Children's Bible
- Instruments (optional)
- Printer or blank paper
- Coloured Pencils
- Glue
- Leaves from outside (optional)
- Coloured paper
- Scissors

Worship

Please spend some time listening and singing to your family's favourite worship songs. This may have already been done in the worship period of Oaktree's service. Below is a selection of actions songs which you might like to try:

- My God is so Big <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiWYtwFt9Jc>
- Who's the King of the Jungle
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pCirKZr8QY
- Every Move I Make <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Craft

Print out the stencil at the end of this document for your child to colour in and decorate. If you don't have a printer use blank paper and cut out a palm or leaf shape.

Help your child to decorate their palm. You may like to collect a few leaves from your garden to look at. You can even use these leaves to stick onto the palm, or if you have green paper you can cut out pieces to stick on like a collage depending on the age of your children.

Repeat the above process with the cloak outline. Your children can decorate these using bright colours and patterns.

Cut out the outlines of both the palms and cloaks. These will be used in our story time.

Story Time

Today's Bible story is of Palm Sunday when Jesus comes to Jerusalem as a King. Find this story in your child's Bible to show them some pictures.

Please be creative with how you fill all the characters of the story. You may choose to use your children's soft toys of a donkey with a doll riding on it. You can even choose to allow your child to be Jesus on your back while you are the donkey.

It was about time for Jesus to come to a big city called Jerusalem. He asked his followers to go ahead of him to find a donkey for him to ride.

Jesus' followers (some dolls, soft teddy's, you or children) go and find the donkey and bring it back to Jesus.

Jesus got on the back of the donkey.

Act this out with chosen characters.

The people were really happy to see Jesus, they knew He was coming to save them. They were so excited they laid their clothes down on the road and some big branches of leaves. They were treating Jesus like a king!

Lay the cut outs from your craft time in front of the donkey. If your child is not playing a part in the story they can wave their palm leave and cheer for Jesus.

Most people were really happy to see Jesus but some people didn't like Jesus. They were cross with Jesus.

Encourage your children to show you their best cross face.

The story doesn't finish here Jesus has more to do and the cross people get even more cross, but we will have to come back on Thursday for the next part of the story.

Watch

The following video is an animation of Palm Sunday. Repetition of a story is helpful in assisting children to remember.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

Prayer Time

Ask your children for something they would like to tell God. What was something really special that happened this week they want to thank Him for. Or one sad or scary thing that they would like to ask for God's help with.

Keep the prayers simples but encourage them to be talking with God about everything.



