



Oaktree Anglican

Kids
Ministry
Activity packs
Junior
Primary
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 known as Holy Week. 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 trialled and killed as a criminal, only to then be raised back to life in victory.

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 see any photos of the dioramas that you and your children will construct over the next week. With your permission it would be fantastic to be able to include a photo in our bulletin showing what the children are doing.

Blessings,
Jess

Topic:	Palm Sunday – Jesus welcomed as a King
Sessions Aim:	Children start the journey of Holy Week. Learning that Jesus was warmly welcomed as King to only later be charged as a criminal.
Bible Passage:	Matthew 21:1-11

A Time of Prayer

Come together in a time of prayer with your children. Everyone can share something they would like to pray for or share a God Story. These are stories of

where we have been able to see God at work in our lives or each other's lives during this week.

Dear God,
As we start this Holy Week
And gather together in your presence,
Please help us turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
To the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
That one day we too will enter triumphally into your city not made by humans,
The eternal city in heaven,
Where you and the Holy Spirit and Christ lives in glory for ever.
Amen

Worship Songs

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 are some children's worship songs. Some have actions other don't, please feel free to make your own as a family or play percussion instruments during the song.

- Love Love Love One Another <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYlkcoAflU4>
- My God is So Great <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiWYtwFt9Jc>
- Every Move I Make <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Children as the King or Queen

1: On Palm Sunday we look at Jesus entering Jerusalem and being welcomed as a king.

Help your children to dress up like a king, queen, princess or prince. They may have dress ups or can get creative. They may like to make a paper crown to wear on their heads.

2: How would a king/queen want to be treated. For a few minutes let them be king and rule the house. They can boss parents (within reason) around. Your children might make you get them a drink, give them a piggyback from one seat to another, to fan them or get them a warm blanket.

3: Talk to your children about how they think Jesus as king would have been welcomed into Jerusalem.

Welcomed as a King

1: Have your children find Matthew 21 in their Bibles. Encourage them to use the contents page to help them learn their way around their Bibles.

Either you or one of your children pray for God's Spirit to be at work in our hearts revealing His meaning.

You or your children reads Matthew 21:1-11.

2: Discuss the following points with your children and hear what their thoughts are:

1. Jesus rode on a donkey; do you think this is what a King would use? What other animal would you expect a King to ride on?
 - a. It was really important that Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey because it was fulfilling what the Old Testament said would happen.
 - b. Zechariah 9:9 says, *"Everyone in Jerusalem celebrate and shout! Your king has won a victory, and he is coming to you. He is humble and rides on a **donkey**; he comes on the colt of a donkey."*
2. The crowds threw down cloaks and branches and shouted out Hosanna. Why do you think they did this and what does the word Hosanna mean?
 - a. Hosanna means "save us." The people were looking at Jesus to be the King who came in and defeated the Romans and save God's people from their rule. They shouted Hosanna in the hope and knowledge that Jesus was here to save them. They were so excited.
 - i. Jesus didn't save people in the way they were expecting. Jesus didn't save them from the Romans but did something much greater. He saved them from their sins!
3. Jesus is welcomed as King today (Palm Sunday) but what happens on Friday (he is killed). They didn't treat Jesus like a real king on Good Friday, they made fun of him by giving him a crown made of thorns.
But Jesus is our King now, we need to tell everyone that he is King! One day he will come back and everyone will be able to see clearly that he has always been king!

Holy Week Diorama

1: During the coming week there are a number of important Christian celebrations (today Palm Sunday, on Thursday we have the Passover, Good Friday and Easter Day). During the week you and your family will be creating a diorama depicting these events. For each of these days there will be a devotion sent out to families to complete (shorter for Thursday and Friday and then a full worship on Sunday).

Today being Palm Sunday create a path with a donkey walking along with Jesus on its back. Create little cloaks and palm branches to lay on the path.

Then on Thursday create a little Passover meal, Friday the three crosses on a hill, and then finish on Sunday with the glorious empty tomb!

2: You will need to be creative as you may be limited in what you have at home. For example, I didn't have a donkey but instead used a little dinosaur.

As your family does the devotion on each of these days the diorama will be a good visual of this week and a reminder in the home for your children of the entire story.



Prayer for our World

1: To finish your time together, ask your children what they would like to be talking to God about at the moment or what they are feeling and spend time praying for these.