

## **Kidz Church**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Palm Sunday**

Hi! and welcome to our second virtual Kidz Church session. I hope you enjoyed last weeks activities.

This week we are looking at Palm Sunday.

Start by reading this child friendly passage based on Mark11:1-11, taken from The Big Bible Storybook.

*Jesus was walking to a big city called Jerusalem. He told two of his friends, "please go into that village over there. You will see a young donkey tied up near a gate. Untie it and bring it to me."*

*"But what if someone asks what we're doing?" they asked.*

*"Just tell them that I need to borrow their donkey." Jesus said.*

*So the men went to find it. They put coats over the donkey's back to make it more comfortable for Jesus to sit on.*

*Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. People cheered and laid their coats on the ground to make a carpet. They cut branches from the palm trees at the side of the road and waved them in the air as the procession passed.*

*"Hooray for Jesus," everybody shouted. "Hooray for the special King God promised to send us."*

During the week that follows this journey, a week we now refer to as Holy Week, Jesus would spend a lot of time reflecting and thinking about who he was.

#### **Opening:**

Our first activity is a fun way of asking 'Who am I?'

If you have a copy of the game Hedbanz you could play this now.

Alternatively use sticky note sheets and write a character name on the sheet and stick it onto the forehead of the person you are playing with, but be careful to make sure they don't know who they are!

Take it in turns to ask questions about yourself to find out who you are. The answers can only be 'yes' or 'no'. For example, 'Am I a man?' 'Am I from Disney?'

Make sure that any person or character you write down is well known to the person guessing who they are.

#### **Into the Bible:**

Our second activity today explores the clues Jesus gives about the meaning of his life.

To do this activity you will need the pictures from the PDF sheet titled, Pictures for 'Bible story and picture clues'.

Before you start the activity print the pictures if possible, cut them out and hide them around the room. If this is not possible just make sure your child/children can see a screen with the pictures on.

Invite your child/children to hunt around the room for picture clues about Jesus. When they have found them all, encourage your child/children to use the pictures to tell you what they remember about Jesus' life. This is a great opportunity to explore some of the stories about Jesus together. Look up each of the bible verses on the pictures. If you do not have time now, then revisit this activity in the week ahead.

Have a closer look together at picture 9 (Jesus riding on a donkey) and ask your child/children to describe what they see and what might be happening. Encourage your child to listen as you read Luke 19:28-40 from a child friendly bible or from the sheet attached, to see if they are right, and to hear some clues as to why this was happening. When you have read it, ask them if they were right. Read verse 37 again and ask your child/children to listen out for a clue to tell them why the people were shouting about how great Jesus was (verse 37 refers to miracles Jesus had performed). Ask your child/children to look again at pictures 1-8 and point out some of the miracles (pictures 7 & 8).

Read verse 39 again and encourage your child/children to listen out for a clue about a role Jesus had played with the people (verse 39 refers to Jesus as a teacher). Ask your child/children to find the picture that could go with this verse. (picture 6). Reread verse 38 and ask your child/children to find the picture that gives the clue about who it was that was coming in the name of the Lord (picture 4).

### **Living the life:**

#### ***Splash!***

You will need copies of the *Splash!* Sheets titled, 'Splash! Sheets for 'Splash!' (pages 353 and 354)' These will need printing. If you are unable to do this at home, then please contact me and I will arrange a socially distanced copy for you.

Print the sheets back to back and follow the instructions on the sheet to make the book and to do the activities.

Talk about some of the clues you have already discovered about Jesus and what they tell us about him. Allow this to be an open chat where you can discover what your child/children really thinks about Jesus.

#### **Palm crosses**

Draw a cross and colour it in, there is a picture in the current newsletter in the Kidz Zone activity pages which you could use.

Alternatively use the instructions in the Kidz Church files to make your own palm cross, either using palm leaf or a long strip of paper.

Dear Jesus,  
We thank you for being the King who was sent to save God's people.  
Help me to grow as I get to know you better.  
Amen

### **Reading for use in Into The Bible:**

Luke 19:28-40 Good News Translation (GNT)

#### **The Triumphant Approach to Jerusalem**

28 After Jesus said this, he went on in front of them toward Jerusalem. 29 As he came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead 30 with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you; as you go in, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If someone asks you why you are untying it, tell him that the Master[a] needs it."

32 They went on their way and found everything just as Jesus had told them.

33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying it?"

34 "The Master needs it," they answered, 35 and they took the colt to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus get on. 36 As he rode on, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 When he came near Jerusalem, at the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives, the large crowd of his disciples began to thank God and praise him in loud voices for all the great things that they had seen: 38 "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God!"

39 Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "command your disciples to be quiet!"

40 Jesus answered, "I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting."

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Find the Hidden Word

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 O P E R A D D  
 G L O R Y I I J  
 N U N Z V I E O  
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Word Bank

Jerusalem  
 Disciples  
 Village  
 Donkey  
 Master  
 Jesus  
 Cloaks  
 People  
 Road  
 Hosanna  
 David  
 Palm  
 Olives  
 Glory  
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