

## LESSON 1 SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:** We can praise Jesus anytime!

**OBJECTIVE:** Little ones will learn that we celebrate Jesus as our King and Savior.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Luke 19:28-44, The Triumphal Entry

**MEMORY VERSE:** “But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

**SUMMARY:** When Jesus rode into Jerusalem for the last time, the people came out to celebrate. They celebrated him as the king and as being sent from God. But less than a week later those same people would reject him.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God (Dear God),  
Thank you (Thank you),  
For Jesus (For Jesus)!  
Amen (Amen)

## SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS:

**PLAY TIME:** Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

**BIBLE TIME:** Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

**LESSON:** Jesus came to earth. (Do the sign language for "Jesus" – finger to palm and other finger to other palm). People celebrated Him (Wave both arms and hands in the air) and treated Him like a king (place a pretend crown on your head). But a few days later, they rejected Him (place your hands on your hips and shake your head no).

**MAKE IT REAL:** After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

**SNACK TIME:** Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

**POTTY BREAK:** After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

**PLAY TIME:** Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.

## MEMORY VERSE

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

### **LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Say the verse together a few times by having the group repeat phrases after you. Start slowly and go faster, ending when you’ve said it as fast as you can.

### **SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute.

Have everyone repeat after you.

“But here is how” (But here is how)

“God has shown” (God has shown)

“His love for us.” (His love for us.)

“While we were still sinners” (While we were still sinners)

“Christ died for us.” (Christ died for us.)

## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE:** ARE YOU COMING?

**ITEMS NEEDED:** None

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** Two boys, brothers

**CHARACTERS:** Brady and Ben

Brady walks in first and Ben follows behind him.

BRADY: Ben, are you coming?

BEN: I'm right here! What's the hurry?

BRADY: I don't want to miss anything!

BEN: It's a parade. What would you miss? Aren't they all the same?

BRADY: Not all of them. This one is very special.

BEN: Why?

BRADY: Do you ever listen?

BEN: To what?

BRADY: Bo Madison is the Grand Marshall!

BEN: Who is Bo Madison? Who is the Grand Marshall?

BRADY: You can't be serious! Bo Madison is the all-star basketball player who made the winning basket in this year's tournament! And a Grand Marshall leads the parade. That's why we can't be late!

BEN: You're this excited over some basketball player?

BRADY: I can't believe you're saying this. He's not just "some" basketball player! He's an all-star!

## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

BEN: Okay! Okay! I'm sorry I didn't realize he was famous!

BRADY: And.....he went to school here when he was younger. We have a real town hero!

BEN: Because he can play basketball?

BRADY: Yes! No! I mean, there's more to it than that.

BEN: Sounds pretty simple to me. He plays basketball. He wins a game.

BRADY: If you're not excited to see Bo Madison, why are you coming to the parade?

BEN: That's an easy answer. CANDY!

BRADY: Fine! Just stop talking and walk faster!

BEN: You're so bossy!

BRADY: You're so annoying!

BEN: Annoying?

BRADY: Annoying.

BEN: Well, you're.....you're.....you're annoying too.

BRADY: That's original.

BEN: I just don't get it.

BRADY: You don't have to get it. You just have to walk faster or go home.

BEN: Ok, but they better have the good candy after all this.

BRADY: Come on!

## CRAFT

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Rocks, paint or markers

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Gather rocks to bring to class.

**DIRECTIONS:** Have the kids decorate the rocks to remind them that Jesus said if we keep quiet, the rocks will cry out.

## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

Blankets or other items to lay down on the ground for the kids to walk on

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** None

**DIRECTIONS:** Have the kids help with laying the blankets on the floor. Have them walk the path of the blankets to remind them of how the people threw their jackets on the ground for Jesus.

## SNACK

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Trail mix

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is trail mix. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

**CONNECTION:** The kids can pretend the trail mix is animal food for the colt Jesus rode on.

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**WORSHIP TIME:**

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

**LESSON:**

Today's lesson comes from the New Testament (hold up a Bible). The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

Jesus and His disciples were walking to Jerusalem. Jesus asked two of His disciples to go ahead of them to bring back a colt they would find. Jesus told them to tell people the Lord needed it. They put their cloaks on the colt so Jesus could ride it.

As they traveled, the people praised Jesus and threw their cloaks on the ground where Jesus was. They praised Him with loud voices saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke the people. Jesus said that if the people were quiet, the rocks would cry out in their place.

We should praise Jesus like the people did when Jesus traveled to Jerusalem. We have so many reasons to be thankful and praise Him.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God (Dear God),  
Thank you (Thank you),  
For Jesus (For Jesus)!  
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## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Lead the class in skipping around in a circle and running in place.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Where were Jesus and His disciples traveling?

What did the people do when they saw Jesus?

What did Jesus say would happen if people stopped praising?

**SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:**

Ask each child for a reason to praise the Lord. If they can't think of anything, help them. For example, food, family, home, friends, etc.

# MAKE IT STICK

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER LESSON 1

4 SIMPLE WAYS  
YOU CAN MAKE  
THIS LESSON STICK  
WITH YOUR KIDS

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



### DRIVING:

On the drive home, ask your child what they learned in class. Ask them how they can praise the Lord.



### PLAYING:

Play like animals, like the colt Jesus rode to Jerusalem.



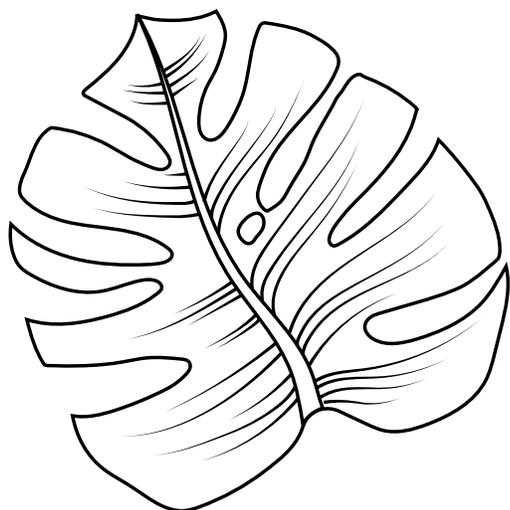
### EATING:

Remind them to thank God for their food.

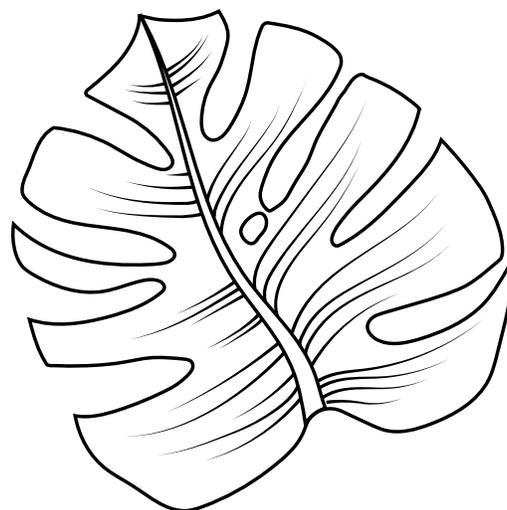


### SNUGGLING:

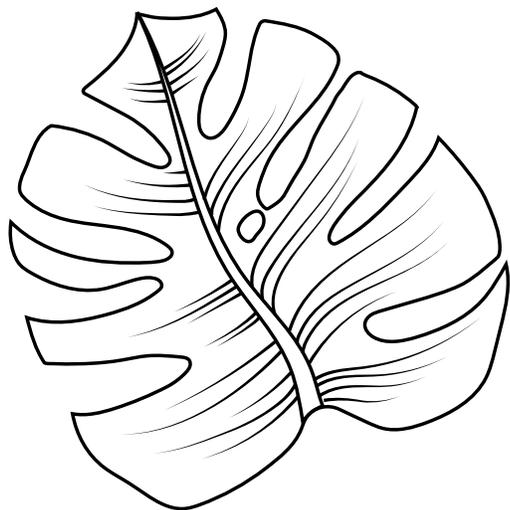
Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)  
Tell them you praise God for them, because they are special.



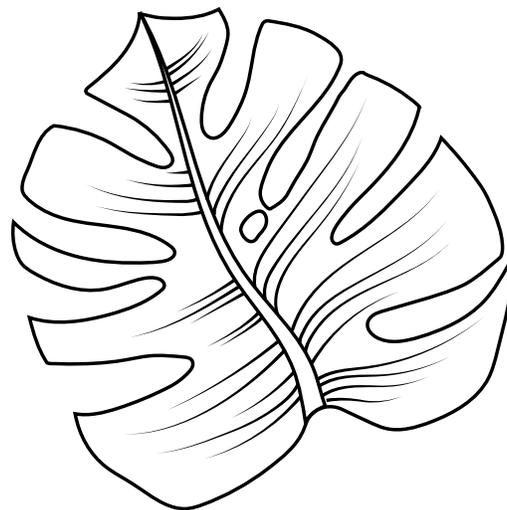
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