



PRESCHOOL PRAISE TO THE KING OF KINGS

Young Reader's Bible: Praise to the King of Kings

Supplies: Green construction paper, scissors, popsicle sticks

Main Point to Drive Home: Jesus came to Jerusalem as king on a donkey.

Open: Greet each child by name and play for three-five minutes

Song: (Optional) Sing a song from the boom box. If the kids are interested, create motions and invite them to dance and sing along.

Story Time:

Take the bigger kids into the story room (leaving the door open and using the gate). Have them choose a carpet square to sit on for the story.

Explain: We've been learning lessons from the beginning of our Bible so far. We've been learning about God's people. But today is a special day so we're going to jump forward to a story about Jesus. Does anyone know who Jesus is? (He is God, he is the messiah, etc.) Well, we're coming up to Easter, so we're going to talk about what happened the week before Easter. On this week, Jesus entered a city called Jerusalem and people were very excited to see him. They cheered for him on what we call Palm Sunday, but by Friday, they would put him to death.

Read the story "Praise to the King of Kings."

Craft:

Explain: Jesus was fully God and fully man. He could have come with power and horses and bands playing for him. But he came on a donkey. The people rejoiced because they believed he would save them from their enemies. They didn't realize that he was really coming to save them from their sins. We'll talk about that next week.

Today, we're going to make a craft to remind us of when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will cut out palm branches and glue them to popsicle sticks to wave them, shouting, "Hosanna!"

If you have time after the craft, you could have one of the kids ride on the blue zebra toy, pretending to be Jesus, then they can all shout Hosanna! together. They can take turns riding the donkey while people celebrate.

Allow Free Play for the rest of the time.

