

PRESCHOOL FAMILY GUIDE (APRIL 3-10)

We may not be gathering at our campuses on Sunday, but Little Lakers is still happening...in your house! Below you'll find instructions and resources you can use to spiritually invest in your preschooler. Don't be nervous...you've got this! Be patient, have fun, and know you're making a difference in their life.

Overview

BIBLE PASSAGE: John 12:12-17

BIBLE STORY: Jesus' Triumphal Entry

MAIN POINT: Jesus saves us from sin.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 10:9

Instructions

SET A TIME AND A PLACE. Decide when and where your preschooler is going to watch the Bible story video and do the activity sheets. We encourage you to do this with them to help them focus, learn, and make memories together.

PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO. When it's time, play the Bible story video for your child on your computer, the TV, a phone or tablet, or whatever works best in your home.

ACTIVITY PAGES. After your child has watched the video, have them color or complete the activity sheets. If you have a printer, print off the sheets beforehand for them. If not, you can always use a tablet or a computer for them. The first page has some helpful questions you can ask them to help reinforce the story and the main point. In the pages that follow you'll find activities you can do throughout the rest of week at your own pace to reinforce the story.

PRAY. After you've finished the activity pages, pray together. It doesn't have to be long or profound. Just pray something simple like, "Jesus, help our family to believe and be thankful that you save us from sin."

EASTER ACTIVITIES. Easter week is here! If you're looking for some creative activities to do with your kids, we've created a Pinterest Board that gives some ideas that you can find [here](#).



The Road to Calvary

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze to get Jesus to the hill called Calvary.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus and His friends traveled to Jerusalem for Passover.
- People welcomed Jesus as their King.
- Jesus rode on a donkey, and the people shouted, "Hosanna."
- The religious leaders did not like the people praising Jesus.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think the religious leaders were angry that the people were praising Jesus?
- *Hosanna* means "save now." Why was that a good word for the people to shout?
- Read Revelation 19:11-13, 16. Compare Jesus' second coming to His triumphal entry.



Jesus' Triumphal Entry
Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

STORY POINT: PEOPLE WELCOMED JESUS AS THEIR KING.



Activities for the Rest of the Week



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"If you confess with your mouth,
'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your
heart that God raised Him from the
dead, you will be saved."

ROMANS 10:9, CSB

KEY QUESTION

Who saves us from our sin?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus saves us from sin.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus is alive.

SHOUT FOR JOY

WHAT YOU NEED: Upbeat Worship music

WHAT YOU DO:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play music from the [Little Lakers YouTube Playlist](#) and encourage your preschoolers to dance around the room. Stop the music and direct your preschoolers to freeze. Invite them to shout, "Hosanna!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Start the music and play again as time allows.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Hosanna means "save now." Only Jesus can save.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. **Jesus is alive!**

PALM BRANCH ART

WHAT YOU NEED: Contruction paper, green tissue paper, glue

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Give your preschooler a sheet of paper and green tissue paper

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help your preschooler draw a line down the center of the paper with a green marker. Help preschoolers rip and stick pieces of green tissue paper on both sides of stalk to look like leaves.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Write Jesus is Alive on the paper and set it aside to dry.

WHAT YOU SAY:

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: You made a palm branch! People praised Jesus as their King and waved palm branches when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jesus is our King who rescues us. **Jesus is alive!**



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PRAISE WITH MARACAS

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic eggs, beans, plastic spoons, colorful tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Help your preschooler spoon dry beans into one side of a plastic egg. Close the egg and put it between the heads of two plastic spoons. Help your preschooler wrap colorful tape around the egg and spoons. Then invite her to wrap the bottom of the spoon handles together with tape.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play upbeat worship music while preschoolers shake their maracas.

WHAT YOU SAY:

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: We praised Jesus with music and instruments. The children in our Bible story praised Jesus saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" People welcomed Jesus as their King. Jesus is worthy of our praise. He is our King. One day, King Jesus will come back, riding on a white horse as King over everything.

HOPSCOTCH THE MEMORY VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Sidewalk chalk or masking tape, beanbag or small stone

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Use masking tape or sidewalk chalk to create a hopscotch board on the floor or ground with one space for each word or phrase to the memory verse.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Memory Verse a couple of times with your kids. Have your children line up at the start of your hopscotch board. Guide one child at a time to toss a beanbag or small stone onto the board and then hop to it. Invite them to recite one word or phrase of the memory verse each time they hop, stopping when they reach the beanbag. Help your children finish the verse by the end of their turn. Play several times.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Recite the memory verse together as a family.

WHAT YOU SAY:

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Confess means to say or to agree. Our memory verse tells us that all we have to do to be forgiven of our sin is say that Jesus is Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead. Jesus did all the work to save us when He died on the cross and rose again.