



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. PALM SUNDAY POP-UP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Palm Sunday Pop-Up" and "Jesus on the Donkey" Activity Pages; cardstock; crayons; glue sticks; scissors; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Palm Sunday Pop-Up" on

cardstock and cut along the dashed cut lines, one per child. Copy "Jesus on the Donkey" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their pictures. Show children where to glue their picture of Jesus riding the donkey. Fold their paper to make it pop up.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, it's Palm Sunday! What a great day to celebrate Jesus! Let's make a picture of our story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "You have two pictures: a big picture of the people beside the special path of coats and palm branches and a smaller picture of Jesus riding a donkey. Color both pictures. (Pause.) These look great, but I have something to make your picture really neat. Rub some glue on this part. (Point to the area marked 'Glue here.')

Put the picture of Jesus here. (Help children line up their pictures.) Now for the neat part. (Fold their paper so Jesus on the donkey pops ups.) Wow! So neat!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story, we heard how Jesus was coming to the town of Jerusalem and everyone was so excited! They took off their coats and laid them on the ground with palm branches so Jesus would have a special path. Some people held palm branches and waved them in the air. They were all ready to celebrate. Jesus was riding a donkey on the path. When the people saw Him, they waved their branches and said, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! YAY, JESUS!' The people were so excited to celebrate Jesus because Jesus is so special! We can celebrate Jesus, too, because Jesus is so special and **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive.**"

BIBLE STORY

We celebrate Jesus because He is special.

PALM SUNDAY
MATTHEW 21:1-11, 15-16

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, Bible, cardstock, scissors, paperclip, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

We celebrate Jesus because He is special.

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

"Today in our Bible story, people celebrated Jesus by laying coats and branches on the road and cheering for Him, because Jesus is special. It's good to celebrate, and there are lots of ways to do it! So when I say your name, tell me one way you like to celebrate. Like how you celebrate your birthday or Christmas, with party horns, confetti, balloons, or cake? *(Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

"Look at all of these fun ways to celebrate! Let's pray and thank God for giving us Jesus to celebrate. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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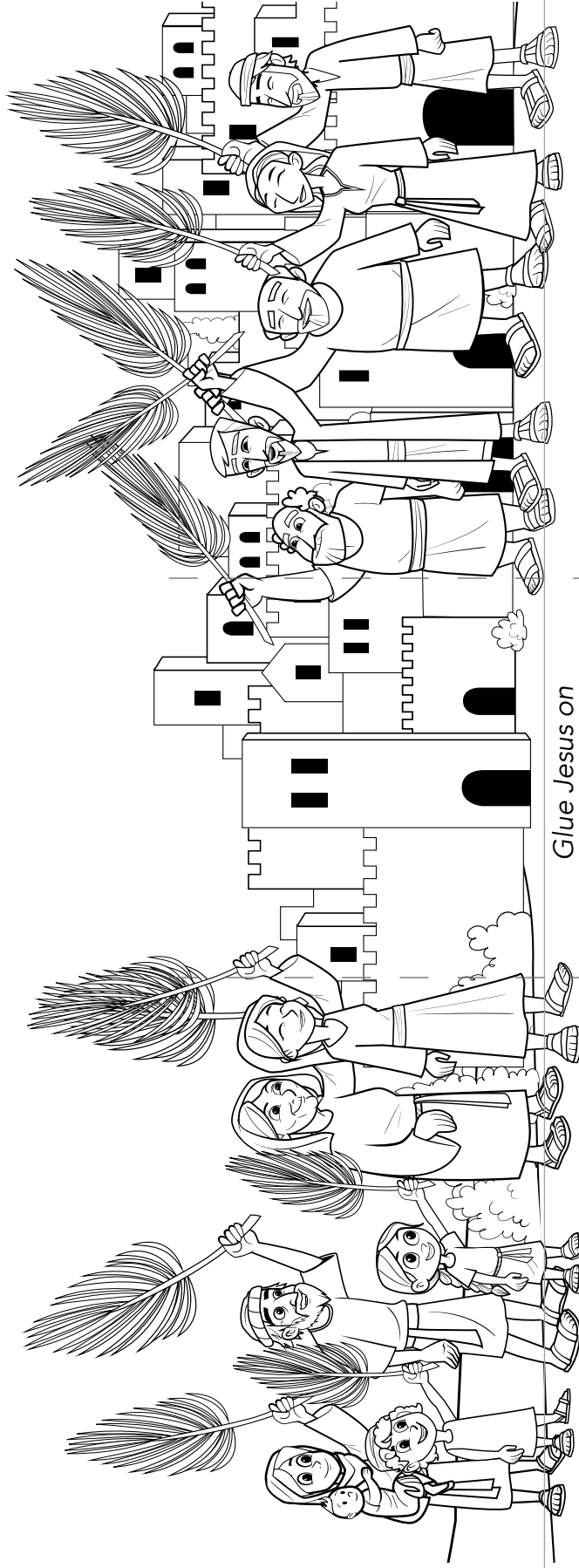
Jesus is alive.

BASIC TRUTH

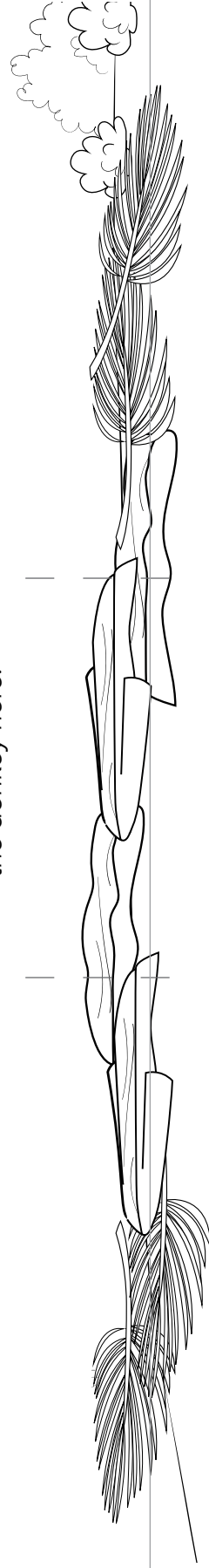
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Glue Jesus on
the donkey here.



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