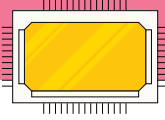


Easter is celebrating that Jesus is alive.

Read: 1 John 4:14



DAY
1

King Jesus!

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people in the town threw down palm branches and their coats for Jesus to ride on. Use some paper to create palm branches and coats like the ones they laid on the ground for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Save these for tomorrow's activity!

KNOW that Jesus' entry into Jerusalem fulfilled God's promise!

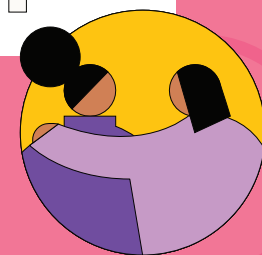
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Hosanna!

Reenact the story of Jesus coming into Jerusalem! Imagine what it was like to be there! Think of the sounds of the crowds. . . the feel of excitement. . . the actions of the people throwing their coats and palm branches. (Don't forget to use the palm branches you made yesterday!)

Talk about how you would feel if you were there when Jesus was coming into Jerusalem.

THANK Jesus for being someone we can celebrate!



DAY
3

I've Seen It!

Read 1 John 4:14 aloud with your grownup. Think and talk about how you have "seen" Jesus in your life and the lives of others!

LOOK for Jesus in your day!

DAY
4

He Is Alive!

Jesus is alive! Let's thank God for that! You can pray your own prayer or use the one below.

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 "Dear God, I am thankful Jesus is alive! I am so grateful that You sent Jesus to earth to live and teach others about how to love and bring peace. I am so excited to celebrate that Jesus is alive this week. Thank you for all you do! Amen."  
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ASK God to keep teaching you how to love others.

Jesus came to be
our Savior.



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DAY 1

Read John 16:33

Can you think of some things in the world that make you sad? Maybe someone is sick. Maybe a friend at school is mad at you. Maybe you saw something on the news that was scary. Sometimes when bad things happen, we ask, "God, where are you? Can't you fix this?"

The truth is, God already is with us and has already fixed it. Jesus was sent to be our Savior, to make a way for us to have a relationship with God. Of course, that doesn't mean that everyone on earth will stop sinning or messing up. In fact, we all still do things that make God sad, but God is still in control and loves us, and in the end, God promises to make everything right.

Jesus Wins

Grab some paper in two different colors. Cut a circle out of one color and streamers out of the other. Inside the circle write the words, "JESUS WINS!" Glue the streamers to the back of the circle to create a medal.

DAY 2

Read Acts 4:12

One Way To Unscramble

Unscramble the words below then read the phrases aloud.

One-way
S L G A S

One-way
R R I M R O

One-way
T R E S E T

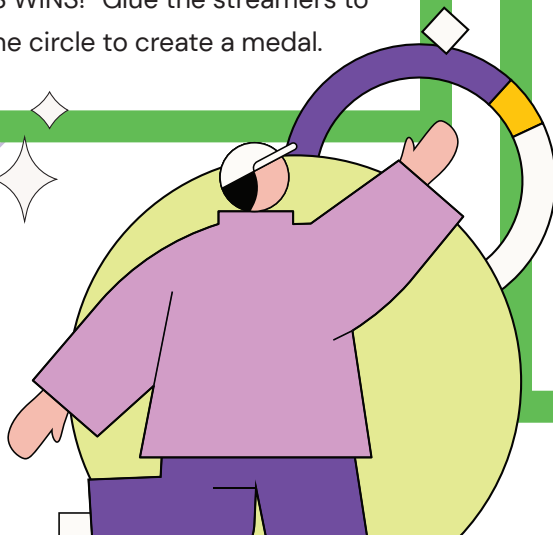
One-way
I C T T K E

One-way
R T P I

When Peter and John stood before the religious leaders who'd had them arrested, they **STILL** shared boldly. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus came to be our Savior and came to fix our broken relationship with God.

Jesus made a way—the only way—for us to have a relationship with God. We can't be "good" enough, do enough right things, make enough good grades, or win enough championships to secure a spot in heaven. Because a relationship with God isn't something you earn, it's a gift you receive. It's offered to all who choose to put their trust in Jesus and what He has done.

Answer Key: glass, mirror, street, ticket, trip



DAY 3

Read Romans 5:1

2 + 2 =

30 + 8 =

4 X 0 =

12 X 1 =

Were any of those problems hard for you solve? Even if you needed a little help, they were fairly easy, right?

Peace isn't quite so easy. When you have a conflict with someone, when you argue or disagree, it's hard to see things from the other person's point of view. It's hard to stop and think, "How can we solve this problem?" in the middle of an argument. We're more interested in pointing out how the other person is wrong.

Thankfully, God doesn't do that.

God made people, and people sinned. Instead of listening to God, we decided to do things our own way. Because God loves us, Jesus came to fix that problem. God had a solution to the sin problem even while people were still messing up. God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin so we could be forgiven. Jesus came to be our Savior.

DAY 4

Read Luke 19:10

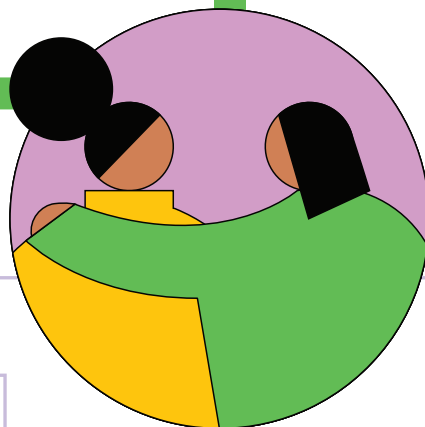
Hide and Seek

Grab some friends or family members and play a few rounds of Hide and Seek.

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What's the goal of Hide and Seek? To find all the people hiding! That's what Jesus came to do for us! Without Jesus, we are lost and our connection with God is broken. So God sent Jesus to "find" and rescue us.

You might be thinking, "What do I need to be rescued from?" The short answer is sin. Sin is anything that makes God sad. James 4:17 says when we know what the right thing to do is and we don't do it, we sin, and our sin gets in the way of our relationship with God. Jesus' death on the cross took the punishment for sin and when He rose again, He made a way for us to be forgiven. Jesus came to be our Savior.

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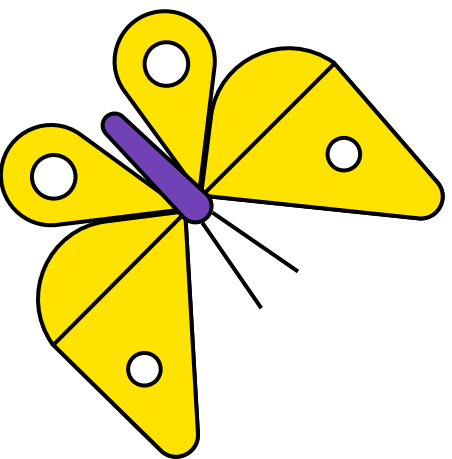
## Day 2

### Read Matthew 21:1-11

Get a sheet of paper and something to draw with. While you are reading Matthew 21:1-11, as you come across the following words, pause and illustrate that word on the paper, starting on the left side of the sheet and moving across to the right. (The paper should be turned horizontally, with the longest sides on the top and bottom as you draw.)

- Mount/mountain
- Two disciples (stick figures are fine!)
- Donkey and colt
- Coats (show them on the road)
- Tree branches (show them on the road)

Now, using your drawing as a guide, find someone you can tell the story of Palm Sunday to.



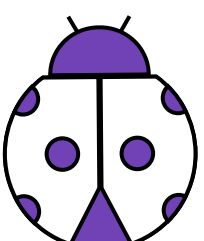
## Day 4

### Why are promises important?

How does it feel when someone keeps a promise they made to you? What if they made the promise a long time ago—do you ever doubt they will keep it? The more time that passes, the more you begin to doubt they will even remember their promise, much less keep it.

Find a friend or family member to talk with about promises. Each of you should share stories of when someone didn't keep their promise to you. How did that make you feel? And when someone did keep a promise they made to you, what did that do in your friendship?

When Jesus came to be our Savior, it was the fulfillment of a promise God had made hundreds of years earlier. . . A promise to make everything right in the world. There must have been so many times that God's people doubted the promise would ever come true. But God always had a plan, and that plan always included keeping the promise. Because God had made this promise to the world, when **Jesus came to be our Savior**, it showed us that we can trust God no matter what!



## Day 5

### Jesus came to be our Savior.

For people who follow Jesus, Easter is pretty much the best day on the calendar—when we celebrate that Jesus came to be our Savior.

There are a lot of other things around Easter that can sometimes crowd out that good news that **Jesus came to be our Savior**. Unscramble the words below to find some of those things.

AEREST GEG  
LCEOCHATO  
SRETAE BTEASK  
ERETAS YBNUUN  
CDVNA  
ILSLELI  
GGE HNTU  
CKIHSC

Chocolate eggs, bunnies, Easter baskets. . . None of these are bad things and are fun traditions to do, but we need to keep them from distracting us from the real meaning of Easter.

For the remaining days until Easter passes, every time you see a cute bunny or taste a chocolate egg, enjoy it while you remember what Easter is all about: that **Jesus came to be our Savior**.

## Day 3

### As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day that we now call Palm Sunday, the crowds shouted and praised Him, saying,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Pick a spot—either inside or out—where you can walk around and say these words of praise as a prayer. Say them a few times, slowly, paying attention to each word and thinking about two things: 1) What those words must have meant to the people in Jerusalem that day as they worshipped Jesus, and 2) What those words mean to you as you speak them out loud to God now.