



PALM



SUNDAY



PARENTS GUIDE

Hello!

This pack is meant to be used alongside the Kids Connection video on April 5th 2020. If you've not watched the video yet they can be found at thebeaconchurch.com/kidsconnection. Watch the video, then take a look through this pack.

If you do any of the activities don't forget to email pictures of them to info@thebeaconchurch.com or share them at the live chat at 2pm on Sunday 5th April.

For other children's events this coming week you can check out the [events](#) page on our website. Look out for Professor Beacon experiments (Fri's 10am) and the Kids Quiz (Weds 3pm).

If you're looking for ways to share Easter from home this year why not check out ideas at the end of the pack. Then put a craft cross in your window to wish passersby 'Happy Easter'! More Easter ideas can be found on the [website](#).

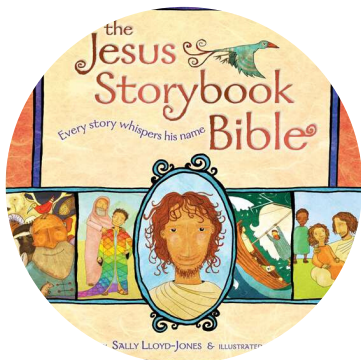
Take Care

Hannah

Beacon Children's Church Team

TELL THE STORY

Choose these activities to help you reinforce the story we have just learnt about.



Use a Children's Bible

The story of Palm Sunday being raised to life is in most children's Bibles. Why not reread it together.



Children's Bible App

The Children's Bible App can be downloaded [here](#). It is full of stories and quizzes including the story of Palm Sunday, look for 'The Donkey and the King'



Youtube Crossroad Kids

If you love a good cartoon this is another great Youtube version of the story from Crossroad Kids. Watch it [here](#).



Youtube Lego Story

If you have a child who enjoys Lego they might enjoy this version of the story from [Cybersten](#).

GET ACTIVE

Choose these activities if your child learns best through physical activities and games.



Palm Branch Waving Race

Make a palm branch out of paper or newspaper (instructions [here](#)). Then wave your branch till it blows along a balloon or light object. Set up a race or time who is fastest over a set distance.



Coat Hanger Challenge

The crowd laid down their coats for Jesus, so why not try this coat hanger minute to win it challenge [here](#). Then chat about why the crowds let Jesus trample their coats!



Coat Bridge Game

Create your own coat path. Race to see who can stand on one coat, lay out a second coat, step on that, then pick up the first coat and repeat till you can travel a set distance, fastest wins!



Palm Pick Up Challenge

Pretend that forks are the palm branches and you have to collect as many as possible before going to cheer for Jesus. See how many you can pick up with tongs in one minute.

HANDS ON

Choose these activities if your child enjoys getting creative and constructing things.



Palm Sundae

Loving the play on words, cool down with this fun 'palm sundae' snack idea from [Catholic Icing](#).



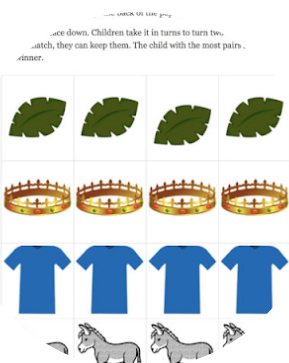
Palm Sunday Play Doh Mat

Check out this Play Doh mat from [Flame Creative Ministries](#). If you've not got a printer you could draw your own as it's a very simple design.



Palm Sunday Snack

I couldn't find any palm branch snacks, but I did find a whole palm tree! Picture from [Waltzing Matilda](#), sliced apple for the branches, blueberries or raisins for the coconuts & a pretzel or biscuits for the trunk.



Palm Sunday Matching Game

Use this printable for a game of matching pairs from [Flame Creative Ministries](#). Chat through the story whilst you play.

GET CRAFTY

Choose these activities if your child loves to cut, stick, sprinkle glitter and create!



Clothes Peg Donkey

This donkey craft comes with a printable template from [Free-n-fun Easter](#) just in case you're like me and can't draw! The website has fun instructions.



Hand & Footprint Scene

This messy paint craft from [Catholic Icing](#) uses a footprint for the donkey and handprints for the palm leaves!



Handprint Palm Branches

More handprints, but less messy this time with paper palm branches from [Mommy Snippets](#). Then retell the story and make sure you use your branches.



Collage Palm Branches

A super simple, but effective craft. Check out this palm branch collage from [Deeper Kid Min](#).

GO DEEPER

Choose these activities to help your child dig deeper into the Bible and take time to pray.



Learn The Memory Verse

There's no excuse for learning the memory verse this week as it's only one word - 'Hosanna!' Try and say it together each day this week.



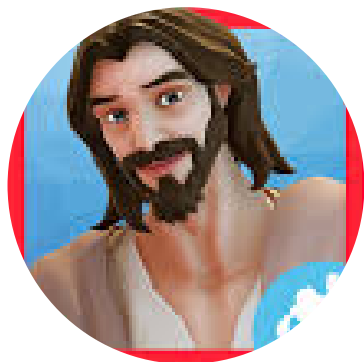
Study The Bible Together

Read through Matthew 21: 1- 11 together. Discuss how the donkey was a sign of God's coming King, the coats were like a red carpet and the branches were a heroes welcome. Ask how we treat Jesus - like a hero, friend? How should we respond to Jesus?



Prayer Activity

Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem was a time of celebration. Discuss together some thing you can celebrate today then pray thanks to God for them.



Use Superbooks App Games

The Superbook App is available free and if you click on the 'Bible' section you can look up any verse such as Matthew 21 and there are quizzes and story clips to help you understand the story.

PRINTABLES

Choose these activities if your child loves to sit, colour and do printable activities.



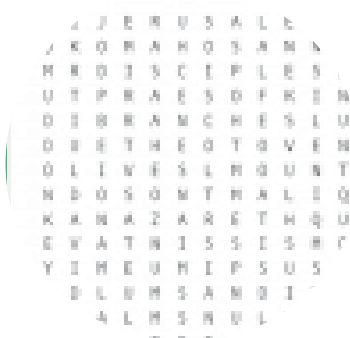
Printable Pack

Check out this pack from Illustrated Ministries it has a dot-to-dot, colouring, wordsearch and drawing prompt all in one pack.



Colouring Pages

Lots of colouring choices this week! There's the one pictured from What's in the Bible, a realistic one from Sermons 4 Kids and our memory verse from Flame Creative Ministries.



Wordsearch

Print out and complete this word search from Sunday School Zone to reveal the hidden message.



Drawing Prompt

Can you draw your own picture of the Palm Sunday story? Will you draw a donkey, Jesus, palm branches or the faces in the crowd?

SHARE EASTER

Share Easter with your neighbourhood this Easter by putting a cross in your window and wishing passersby 'Happy Easter'



Stained Glass Cross

This cross is perfect for putting in a window as it's designed for the light to shine through.

Check out the instructions at [Kara's Creative Place](#). If you don't have sticky plastic, use sellotape.



Paper Towel Dyed Cross

Another craft designed for windows is this paper towel craft from [Catholic Icing](#). If you don't have egg dye why not use food colouring or felt tip pens then wet the towel.



Stick Cross

If you prefer something more hands on why not try looking for sticks on your daily walk and tying them together like this one from [Repurposing Junkie](#).

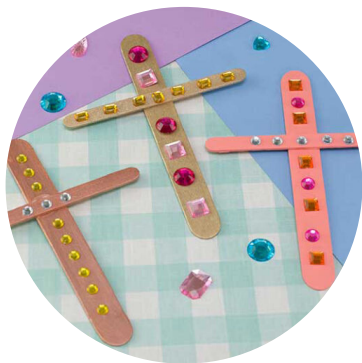


Bead Cross

Follow the instructions at [Darcie](#) for another hands on craft this time with beads. Not got beads? Use chopped up straws or make [paper beads](#). Not got pipe cleaners? Why not try wire (even paper clips) or string.

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Lollipop Stick Cross

Another craft from Darcie this time using lollipop sticks, not got any why not just cut up paper or card and decorate with stickers or colour it in.



Salt Painting

Want to try a new way of painting then try this salt painting from Catholic Icing.



Happy Easter

Don't forget to add a 'Happy Easter' message to your crosses. You could make your own or use one of the ones we have created here.



Printed Message

If crafts aren't for you then why not print out this Easter message here. There's two versions in case you're trying to save ink.