

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing



Name _____



Crowds Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem

Psalm 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11



Instructions: Provide children with small cloth scraps or colored tissues, and encourage them to glue the scraps to the road in front of where the donkey will walk. Explain that the people threw their coats down on the road for the donkey to walk on because they knew that Jesus was special and should be praised. (For additional instructions, see Teacher Guide.)

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY...

Bible Time

This week's Bible passage (Psalm 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11) tells us that we praise Jesus. The people were happy and excited as Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. They shouted "Hosanna!" and spread their coats on the road in front of the donkey. The people praised Jesus because he was special. Jesus deserved praise then, and he deserves our praise today.

Key Verse: "[Jesus] loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).



Teach your child the Hosanna Hop. To do the Hosanna Hop, jump up, turn

around, touch the ground if you want, and then throw your arms up in the air and shout "Hosanna!" Take your son or daughter on a walk (or go into your backyard). Each time the two of you see something Jesus has made, praise Jesus with the Hosanna Hop. Remind your child that we praise Jesus. Delight in the Lord, and let your child see how you enjoy praising Jesus, too!

ASK

- What things can we praise Jesus for?
- Why is it good to praise Jesus?



Your child learned that we praise Jesus. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to praise Jesus in daily life. Help your child follow through on the challenge!

- Ask your mom or dad to take you on a walk. Each time you see something you like, praise Jesus and thank him for making it.
- Make up new actions to your favorite song about Jesus. Show your family the new actions, and ask them to sing with you.
- When you put on your clothes this week, remember that the people in the Bible laid their coats on the ground to praise Jesus. Sing a quick song or say a little prayer to praise Jesus.



Help your child create a "Praise Diary." Cut out pictures of people and items

that your child might want to thank Jesus for. Then help your child glue them in a small book that fits in your child's hands.

Let your child add stickers and his or her own decorations to the book. Sit with your child when looking at the Praise Diary, and help him or her remember to praise Jesus for the gift each picture represents.

ASK

- Why do you praise Jesus?

Hosanna!

