

WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

DID YOU
KNOW?

THE BIG IDEA

Did you know Jesus is king over everything?

THE BIBLE

Jesus Enters Jerusalem:
Luke 19:28-40

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Praise Showcase

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead the kids in worship with any songs you like, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Jesus is the King" (Cool Worship Kids)
 - "He's Alive, He's Alive" (Yancy)
 - "Saved" (Go Fish)
 - "One, Two, Three" (Yancy)

ACTIVITY | Welcome Walk

- Welcome back to the *Did You Know? Game Show!*
- I'm so glad you are all here today! Let's celebrate everyone in a very special way!
- One at a time, we're all going to walk down the aisle and I want everyone else to cheer as loudly as you can for them. Make sure to tell them, "I'm glad you're here today!"
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the kids into two groups and line them up facing each other. Pass out noisemakers, welcome signs, and anything else you have. Create an aisle and encourage one kid at a time to walk down it as they cheer for each other!
- We are going to learn in today's Bible story about how the people made Jesus feel welcome when he came into town!

ACTIVITY | My Palm Branch

- Today's Bible story happens on a day that we call Palm Sunday!
- **Do you know why they call it Palm Sunday?**
- Yep! It does have something to do with palms. But not the palms of our hands. We're talking about palm tree branches! Hmm, you know what? Let's use our palms to make palm branches!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide one piece of green cardstock and one craft stick per kid. Help each kid outline their hands with a marker and then cut out the two hands. They can glue the handprints any way they like onto the craft stick. Here is an [example](#).*

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Enters Jerusalem

- Now it's time for the *Did You Know?* Bible story!
- Remember, you have a part to play in the story, too!
 - Whenever you hear this sound [*play victory trumpet sound*], clap and cheer loudly.
 - Whenever you hear this sound [*play losing horn sound*], say "Aww!"
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Retell the story from Luke 19:28-40 by incorporating the following sound effects into your Bible story that require audience participation: [victory trumpet](#) and [losing horn](#). Have kids hold on to their palm branch craft from earlier or pass out [artificial branches](#) kids can wave.*
- In today's story, Jesus told two of his friends to go a nearby village and get something for him.
 - **What do you think it was?**
- Ooh great guesses! What Jesus needed was an animal to ride into town.
 - **What kind of animal would you ride into town if you were Jesus?**
- Those are some great ideas! Jesus, however, picked . . . a donkey.
 - [*Play losing horn sound.*]
- And not just any donkey, a colt, which is a baby donkey.
 - [*Play losing horn sound.*]
- I'm sure Jesus' friends thought it was strange, too. But they didn't argue. They went where Jesus told them to and found the donkey right where Jesus said it would be.
 - [*Play victory trumpet sound.*]
- As Jesus rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem, people came to greet him. But they didn't just wave as he passed by.
 - They cheered for Jesus! [*Play victory trumpet sound.*]
 - They waved palm branches in the air. Wave your palm branches, too!
 - They put branches and even their clothing on the road so that Jesus wouldn't have to travel on the dirt.
- They were so happy to see Jesus because everyone knew who Jesus was. They knew Jesus could do amazing things and that he loved everyone. They wanted him to become the new king!
 - [*Play victory trumpet sound.*]

- But not everyone was happy about that. Some of the leaders there thought the people were being noisy and rude. They wanted Jesus to tell everyone to quiet down.
 - *[Play losing horn sound.]*
- But the people couldn't keep quiet. They were too excited about Jesus. They knew that Jesus would change everything. And they were right!
 - *[Play victory trumpet sound.]*

BIG IDEA | Did you know Jesus is king over everything?

- It's time to reveal our Big Idea!
- Now, which door do you think is hiding the Big Idea? Let's see!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Set up doors with butcher paper like last week. Choose three kids to come up front to help reveal the Big Idea. Count to three with the rest of the group and on three, have all three kids pull down the paper doors at the same time to see who reveals the Big Idea.*
- You found the Big Idea! It was behind door number *[one, two, or three]!*
- The Big Idea is . . . **Did you know Jesus is king over everything?**

VIDEO | Did You Know?, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

ACTIVITY | Donkey Road Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Take two clear plastic cups and a permanent marker. On one cup, draw a small donkey (with Jesus on it if you'd like) near the bottom of the cup. On the second cup, draw a road that begins at the bottom of the cup and winds its way around and to the top of the cup. Kids can stack the donkey cup inside the road cup and twist the cups around to have the donkey follow the road to the top. Create a few sets of these for kids to play in pairs (check out how it's done [here](#)).*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Make a road out of painter's tape on the ground and have them use a toy donkey or horse to follow the path.*
- Most kings would have chosen a fancy horse or had a special parade to announce their entrance, but Jesus wasn't like that. He chose a little donkey and showed that he didn't need to prove that he was king. He was king already!
- **Did you know Jesus is king over everything?**

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for being the king of everything. You are so powerful but you take care of all of us. We are safe because you are in charge! Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Make a Palm Tree

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Break apart graham crackers into fourths along the perforations. Give each kid two crackers they can line up vertically on a plate. Give them five green apple slices to create [palm trees](#). You could dab a little bit of frosting or caramel sauce at the top to hold the apple slices in place if desired. You could also replace graham crackers with pretzel sticks or banana slices.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Create an outline of the palm tree on paper and laminate it (or place it inside sheet protectors). Have toddlers place each graham cracker and apple slice where it should go.
- We are making palm trees because that's where palm branches come from!
- **What do palm branches have to do with our story today?** Yes! People were waving them in the air because they were so happy to see Jesus!
- **Did you know Jesus is king over everything?** Yes, Jesus is!

ACTIVITY | Powerful Crowns

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare each kid's crown plate by following [these instructions](#) and making all the cuts beforehand. Have kids decorate the crown however they want. Once they are finished, have kids fold up the wedges to form a crown. Add gems to the top if desired. Discuss with kids as they do this activity.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Give toddlers stickers or stamps to use to decorate their plates. Hot glue pom-poms on the points for toddlers instead of using jewel stickers.
- **What are some things you think are powerful?**
- There are lots of powerful things. Dragons, superheroes, earthquakes, tornadoes . . . the list goes on!
- But **did you know Jesus is king over everything?** That means he is more powerful than all of those things!
- Let's put on our crowns to remember that Jesus is king, and King Jesus loves all of us so much!

ACTIVITY | Follow the Ruler

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** This is played like the game, "Follow the Leader." Choose one kid to be the leader and give them a crown to wear. Play the game with different leaders as time allows. Let each "ruler" keep their crown.
- If someone is our ruler – like a king or queen – we should listen to them and do as they say, right?
- Yes! We are going to take turns being the king or queen today and the rest of us have to do what the king or queen is doing. Got it?
- **Do you know who our king is? That's right! Jesus is our king!**
- And what is our Big Idea today? **Did you know Jesus is king over everything?**

MEMORY VERSE | II Peter 3:18a (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids repeat II Peter 3:18a after you in sections. Then change up your voice for the next round and have kids mimic you. You can try whispering, shouting, or pretend you're underwater (lip burbling).

PLAY TIME

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute this week's coloring page along with crayons or markers. Discuss today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.

ACTIVITY | Crown Hole Game

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** This activity is basically a crown-shaped cornhole game. Draw a large, [simple crown](#) on cardboard, and create three holes where the jewels would go on top. Have kids take turns to try aiming three beanbags ("jewels") into one of the holes on the crown.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Play "[Pin the Tail on the Donkey](#)" with or without the blindfold, depending on your group. Say, "Let's help our donkey get ready to go into town with Jesus!"

ACTIVITY | Castle Challenge

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide wooden blocks, LEGO Duplo blocks, or even plastic cups for kids to build their own castles. Talk with kids as they build about who would live there and what their imaginary kingdom looks like.

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