

# CITY SG – March 16-17, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Take You at Your Word (Palm Sunday) • *Matthew 21:1-11*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Jesus came to be our Savior.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.* John 3:16 (NIRV)

## 1. Wave Parade!

*Memory Verse activity*

**What You Need:** "Palm Leaf" Activity Page (printed on green paper, one per kid), scissors, pens, "Wave Parade!" Activity Page (1 per group)

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a green paper palm leaf.
- Set out the scissors and pens.
- Instruct the kids to cut out the oval leaf shape, fold it in half, and cut the edges like palm fronds.
- Invite the kids to use their pens to roll and shape the edges of the palm leaves so they curl.
- After everyone has their leaves finished, read a statement from the "Wave Parade!" Activity Page.
- If the fact is true, instruct the kids to wave their palm leaves in the air.
- If the fact is false, direct the kids to keep their palm leaves at their sides.
- If the fact is false, ask a kid to share the correct fact.
  - If the kid comes up with the correct fact, invite everyone to celebrate with their palm leaves again!
- Continue until all facts are read.

## 2. Memory Verse Gift

*Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** Bibles, gift box (1 per group)

### What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - Read the memory verse to the group.
  - *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.* John 3:16 Say the verse out loud together several times.
- Say the verse a few times together.

- Give one kid the gift box.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to box to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.
- Say, “Jesus is God’s plan to rescue us. Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God. Jesus also showed us what it looks like to love people and serve others. **Jesus came to be our Savior.** That’s the best gift of all!”

### 3. Bottom Line Egg Relay

**What You Need:** Plastic Easter eggs & spoons (2 per group), floor tape, Bottom Line Cards (2 sets of 6 cards per group)

**What You Do:**

- Review the bottom line for today: Jesus came to be our Savior.
- Use the floor tape to create a start and finish line for two groups.
- Hold onto the two sets of bottom line cards.
- Divide the kids into two groups.
- Instruct each group to line up behind the floor tape.
- Give the first kid in each group a plastic Easter egg and a spoon.
- At your signal, invite the kids run to the finish line and back with their egg on the spoon.
- If their egg falls off, they need to stop walking and pick it up.
- Once the kid reaches the start again, the next person in line can go.
- Once the whole team has finished, they should work together to put the words of the bottom line in order.
- See which team can go through the race, then put the bottom line in the correct order first!

### 4. Pray

- “God, thank You so much for loving us. Thank You for giving us Jesus, who came to be our Savior. Help us to understand how big that love is! Give us opportunities to show love and kindness to others as we remember how much You loved us first. Help us to remember the promises You’ve given us, and to trust that You always keep Your promises. Thank You for everything You’ve done for us. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show the adults their palm leaf. Invite kids to explain what the people of Jerusalem did with the palm leaves when Jesus rode into town.