

April Week 2
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Happy Day
April 12-13

CRAFT WEEK 2

Palm Praise

SUPPLIES: Craft sticks, strips of green paper, palm labels, glue sticks, sharpies

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a craft stick and write their names on them with sharpie.**
 - *"Hey, everyone! Come sit with me. Today is Palm Sunday. It's a happy day! Let's make our own palm leaves."*
- ⇒ **Set out strips of green paper and glue sticks. Invite the children to glue to strips to the craft stick to create a palm leaf. Give each child a label and have them stick the label on the overlap of green papers in the middle to help hold the leaf together.**
 - *"We're going to give you a glue stick and some green strips of paper and you are going to put glue on the craft stick and stick the end of the strip of paper to the craft stick like this. (Demonstrate.) Put the green strips on until your palm leaf looks like this. (Hold up example.)"*
 - *"Now you get a sticker that says **Jesus is alive!** Put the sticker in the middle of the leaf like a piece of tape helping hold the leaf together. (Demonstrate.)"*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line**
 - *"In our Bible Story today, the people were so excited to see Jesus that they covered the road with coats and palm branches to make a special path for Jesus. And when they saw Jesus, they waved more palm branches and shouted, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' It was a very happy day! **Jesus is alive!**"*
 - **"Who is alive?"**
 - **"Jesus is alive!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

Coat Walk

SUPPLIES: Scarves, craft from previous activity

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a scarf and invite them to hold their craft. Instruct them to line up in two lines with a walkway in between.**
 - *“Friends! Join me over here and take a scarf. We’re going to act out our story. Let’s pretend there’s a road and make two lines on either side of the road.”*
- ⇒ **Invite the children to spread their scarves out across the walkway and let the children take turns pretending to be Jesus walking down the path while other children wave their palm leaves.**
 - *“We’re going to pretend these scarves are coats and I want you all to spread your scarf out on the road like the people in our story did with their coats. (Demonstrate.)*
 - *“Now we will take turns pretending to be Jesus walking down the road. Everyone else can wave their leaves and celebrate!*
 - *“Great job acting out our story, friends!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus rode into town on a donkey, and the people celebrated by laying out their coats, waving palm branches, and saying, ‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ They celebrated Jesus, and we can, too, because **Jesus is alive!***
 - ***Who is alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Friend to Friend

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children to get ready to play the game.**
 - *"Friends, come stand here with me. We're going to play a game!"*

- ⇒ **Cue children to find a partner and give them a direction of a body part they should match up. Then invite the children to tell the Bottom Line to their partner. Repeat as interest allows.**
 - *"When I say, 'friend to friend,' I want you to find a friend and stand next to them. Ready? Friend to friend! (Pause.)"*
 - *"Now with your friend, listen to the instructions I give you. Knee to knee! Put your knee together with your friend's knee. (Pause.) Great job!"*
 - *"Tell your friend, **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"*
 - *"Friend to friend! Find a different friend! (Pause.) Hand to hand! (Continue with different directives: elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand, back-to-back, toes to toes, hip to hip, cheek to cheek, etc., sharing the bottom line with each friend.) Great job friends!"*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"Tell me, who is the BEST friend ever? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! Who wants to be your friend forever? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! **Jesus is alive** forever and will be your friend forever!"*
 - **Who is alive?**
 - **Jesus is alive!"**

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
APRIL WEEK 2

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY – MONTHLY BOOK

- *The Easter Story*

ASK A QUESTION

Who is alive?

Jesus is alive!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“I am alive for ever and ever.” Revelation 1:18

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.