

April Week 2  
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Happy Day  
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# 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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# ACTIVITY #3

## *Memory Verse Practice*

**SUPPLIES:** Reward Stickers

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
  - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
  - *"First, let's say it once together. 'I am alive for ever and ever.' Revelation 1:18"*
    - *Now let's try it...*
      - *Super loud*
      - *Super quiet*
      - *Really fast*
      - *Really Slow*
      - *Jumping up and down*
      - *Running in Place*
      - *All the boys*
      - *All the girls*
      - *Kids only*
      - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *"Nice work, my friends!"*
  - ***Who is alive?***
  - ***Jesus is alive!"***

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

### APRIL WEEK 2

## PASS OUT MOON SAND

### READ

- *Beginner's Bible p 427 "The True King"*

### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - ***Who is alive?***
  - ***Jesus is alive!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - ***"I am alive for ever and every." Revelation 1:8***

## CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "We celebrate all kinds of things. We celebrate birthdays and we celebrate Christmas, and we celebrate winning games. Celebrating is fun! Let's make a list of what we can celebrate, so when I say your name, tell me **one thing you like to celebrate**.
  - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *"Dear God, we have so many things that we like to celebrate, like (read the list the children made). Celebrating is like a big 'thank you' to You. Today we want to celebrate that **Jesus is alive**. Jesus is amazing and we are so thankful Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."*