

Religion: April 6 – 8

TEKS K.2.B, K.1.C

Monday: watch the Palm Sunday video at <https://safeYouTube.net/w/4mT3>

Print and color Palm Sunday coloring page (optional)

Make a Paper Palm Leaf using the example (optional)

Tuesday: Promise Magazine: Jesus Gave His Life for Us.

Objective: Children will recognize that welcoming shows love. Children will recognize the significance of Jesus' last days.

Opening prayer: *Dear Jesus, we welcome you into our hearts and lives. Help us to keep our hearts open to you. Amen*

Cover Page: ask "How do you welcome?" Students will find and color the hidden ways to welcome: *banner, shake hands, wave, confetti, streamers, balloons, cookies, hug, trumpets, smile, gift, flowers, outstretched hands, heart, clap, say Hi.*

Pgs. 3-4: Cut out and create the **Holy Week** booklet. Save the Hosanna strips for the activity at the end. Show the 1st illustration in the booklet as you share the Gospel. *One Sunday, Jesus stopped outside the city of Jerusalem. He asked 2 disciples to bring him a donkey and her colt. Jesus' friends put their cloaks over the animals. Jesus rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem. People came out to welcome him and shouted: "Hosanna! Hosanna, Jesus!"*

People put their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and put them on the road too. They shouted: "Hosanna! Hosanna, Jesus! You come in God's name!"

Explain that some of the leaders were afraid of Jesus. They thought he put himself too much in God's place. Some thought he wanted to be king. They planned to arrest Jesus. (Show the 2nd illustration in the booklet as you continue with the Gospel.)

On Thursday, Jesus gathered his friends for a last supper with them. He put water into a large bowl and began to wash the feet of his friends. He dried their feet with a towel. His friends asked, "Why are you doing this, Jesus?" Jesus explained: "You call me teacher and Lord, and that is who I am. I have washed your feet. You should do the same for one another.

Then Jesus took bread, said a prayer, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends. He said: "Take and eat. This is my body." Then Jesus took a cup of wine, thanked God for it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "This is my blood. It will be poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Drink from it."

Soldiers arrested Jesus later that night. The next day...(Show the 3rd illustration in the booklet as you continue with the Gospel.)

Jesus carried his Cross to Golgotha, a hill outside of the city. They nailed him to the cross.

After a while, Jesus said, "It is finished" and he died. (Kneel and bow heads.)

Two of Jesus' disciples took the body of Jesus. They laid him in a tomb in a nearby garden.

Explain that "Hosana" means *Save us, we pray*. Invite the children to color and cut out the strips of Hosana. On the back of the cover page is a drawing of a windsock. Children can make a windsock by cutting along the solid line, gluing the Hosana strips along the bottom and rolling up the windsock into a tube. Tape or glue string to the top so that it can blow in the wind.

Closing Prayer: *Dear Jesus, we welcome you into our hearts and lives. Help us to keep our hearts open to you. -Amen"*

Watch video about the Last Supper: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/7ts4>

Wednesday: We Believe book: Chapter 21 *The Three Days* pgs. 183-190

**If your class already did this chapter, please review it with your child.*

Objective: The children will learn that during the Three Days we celebrate how much Jesus loves us.

Pg. 183: ask "What days are very important to you?" Affirm their answers then tell them about the THREE most important days of the year. "These are the days Jesus gave us himself. He showed his love by dying and then rising from the dead. We will celebrate his love with the whole Church all over the world during the Three Days."

Pg. 184: Invite the children to name some people Jesus loves. Remind them that Jesus loves them, too!

Pg. 185: Ask the children to think about ways we show we love someone. Explain that we celebrate the Three Days because we want to thank Jesus for his love.

Pg. 186: ask "How can you show that you love Jesus?" Children will draw a picture to show that you love Jesus.

Pg. 187-188: booklet

Pg. 190: decorate the cross with flowers.

Watch video about Washing of the Feet: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/Bws4>