

Unit 1

GROUP TIME WITH

BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

SESSION 5

MOVE TO GROUP TIME. Invite kids to the group-time area to play a game with you. Show kindergartners the path that you have created using the stones on the floor. Demonstrate how to hop on each of the stones while spelling *J-E-S-U-S*. Give each child a turn to hop and spell. Guide kids to be seated after their turns.

SING “CLAP, WIGGLE, AND SWAY.” Lead the kids to sing and do the actions of the song along with you.

SING A SONG. Play “Jesus Taught Us How to Live” and lead kids in singing. When finished, thank the kindergartners for worshipping Jesus with you.

READ THE UNIT VERSE. Show the verse poster and read it aloud. Lead the kids to whisper the verse with you.

TELL THE BIBLE STORY. Ask kids to listen for how Jesus entered Jerusalem and what the people shouted when they saw Him. Open the Bible to Matthew 21 and tell the Bible story in your own words. Show the teaching picture as you hold the Bible on your lap.

Jesus Entered Jerusalem Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11

While Jesus and the disciples were just outside the city of Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of the disciples into a village. “You will find a donkey and her colt tied there. If anyone asks, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them to Me.”

The disciples brought the donkey and colt to Jesus. They laid their clothes on the donkey and the colt, and Jesus rode into Jerusalem on them. He was doing what the prophets said, years and years before, that He would: Look, your King is coming to you, gentle, and riding a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

A large crowd waited for Jesus. They put their clothes on the road. Some people cut branches from trees to line the road, too. In front of Jesus and behind Him, they shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” People all over Jerusalem asked, “Who is this?” The crowds kept saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee!”

REVIEW THE STORY. Invite kids to line up at the stones. Hold the teaching picture. Invite each child to tell you something he remembers from the Bible story before hopping on the stones.

LEARN THE WEEKLY VERSE AND HEAR THE LIFE POINT. Open the Bible to the verse, remove the strip, and show it to the kids as you read it aloud. Guide kids to shout the verse with you several times. Comment that Jesus is God’s one and only Son. Show the Life Point while reading it. Select a child to tape the Life Point strip on the banner.

READ A BOOK. Read “*God Sent*” (Pack Item 16) aloud as you lead the kids to say the words of the verse in the book with you.

PLAY OUT THE CROWD. Lead kindergartners to pretend to place clothes and branches on the road. Lead them to shout: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

MAKE A CHRIST CONNECTION. Jesus entered Jerusalem in a special way, on a donkey, so that people would recognize Him as the Messiah, the one God promised, spoken about by the prophet Zechariah.

PRAY. Thank God for sending Jesus, His one and only Son.

WRAP IT UP. Show “Jesus Entered Jerusalem” video.