



WEEK  
**TWO**  
APRIL 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



### OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Sheets of Paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Form two teams.
- Guide half of the kids on each team stand on one side of the meeting area and the remaining kids on the opposite side—ideally, about 20 feet apart.
- Give teams on one side of the room two t-shirts each.
- Explain that the kids with the shirts will begin by placing one shirt on the floor then stand on it.
- From that point on, their feet must not come into direct contact with the floor unless standing on a shirt until they reach the other side.
- In order to take a step toward their team on the other side of the room, they must place the second shirt on the floor in front of them.
- While standing on the second, they must pick up the first then lay it down in front of them to take a third step.
- Continue in this way until they reach their team on the other side of the room.
- When a kid reaches their team, they can hand off the shirts to the next kid who will then repeat the same process.
- The first team to have all kids completely switch sides wins.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### That's What Fronds Are For

Palm Sunday  
John 12:9-16

(supporting: Matthew 21:1-11)

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are you hoping for?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Whatever happens, remember  
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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

In this world you will have  
trouble. But be encouraged!  
I have won the battle over  
the world.

John 16:33b, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

Hope—Believing that  
something good can come  
out of something bad

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"That was a challenging way to get across the room. If the floor had been muddy, your mom would have appreciated that you kept your shoes clean. Unless, of course, those were your dad's best shirts you were walking on! **[Transition] In our Bible story today, some people let their clothes get walked on. But no one got in trouble. In fact, people were cheering them on. Let's go find out about it.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.





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### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



### TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Pair up the kids. (girls with girls; boys with boys)
- Sit with one partner facing the back of the other.
- Give paper and a marker to the kids in the front.
- Tell the kid in back to use their finger to “draw” something on the back of the kid in front of them that reminds them of Easter.
- Without either of them speaking, the kid with the paper draws what they think it is on a piece of paper.
- Switch several times.
- Share drawings with the group and let kids tell the group what makes Easter special to them.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- What are some hard situations you or other kids your age have gone through?
- What does it feel like when you're facing a tough situation and you can't see or understand what God is doing in it?
- What does it look like for a kid your age to trust God when going through a problem that feels hopeless?
- Why does it give us hope to know that God is ALWAYS working out God's plans and will NEVER stop?

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Close by leading kids in a responsive prayer.
- Read aloud Psalm 145:13.
- Ask kids to respond by saying, "Hosanna" each time you pause.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, Your kingdom is a kingdom that will last forever, (pause) and your rule will continue for all time to come. (pause) The Lord will keep all his promises. (pause) He is faithful in everything he does. (pause) In Jesus, name, amen."

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