

1st Grade Lesson Plan

The Triumphal Entry

Bible Passage: Matthew 21

Memory Verse: John 11:25

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.



First Service

8:15 - 8:45

Check-ins and Playtime

8:45 - 9:15

Large Group

9:15 - 9:25

Small Group

9:25 - 9:40

Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons"
and Prayer Requests

9:40 - 9:55

Craft

9:55 - end

Playtime until Check-out

Second Service

10:30 - 11:00

Check-ins and Playtime

11:00 - 11:30

Large Group:

11:30 - 11:40

Small Group

11:40 - 11:55

Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons"
and Prayer Requests

11:55 - 12:10

Craft

12:10 - end

Playtime until Check-out

Check-ins & Playtime

8:15 - 8:45 \ 10:30 - 11:00

Check-ins | Welcome families and receive kids as they arrive. Remind the parents that their child's safety is our highest priority. For the safety of their child, we must see their Security Label at pick-up, and if their child needs them before the service ends, we will TEXT them.

Free Time | There are games and activity pages that go along with today's lesson available for the 1st graders. Use this time to connect with the kids and help the kids connect with each other.

Large Group

9:45 - 9:15 \ 11:00 - 11:30

Line up and go to the Worship Room for Large Group. The Large Group Leader and Worship Leader will be teaching the lesson leading worship.



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Volunteers PLEASE remember to

- Sit with your kids. Chairs are available if needed.
- Participate, listen, and engage with the lesson alongside your class
- Support the Large Group and Worship leaders by lovingly correcting your kids if necessary.

Small Group | 4 Questions

9:15 - 9:25 \ 11:30 - 11:40

Line up, go back to your classroom, and sit on the carpet for Small Group.

Gather the kids together and ask these four questions and discuss their answers.

- What did you like about today's story
- What did you find confusing about today's story?
- What did we learn about people?
- What did we learn about Jesus?

Snack with “Lollipops & Lemons” and Prayer Requests

9:25 - 9:40 \ 11:40 - 11:55

Snack

- Work together to pass out a cup of Goldfish crackers (Chex are available for those who are gluten and dairy free), a cup of water, and a napkin to each child. Encourage them not to eat until after you have prayed.
- Pray, asking God to bless your time together and that you will all get to know Jesus more. Invite a child to pray for the food.
- Enjoy while...

“Lollipops and Lemons” & Prayer Requests

- While eating, ask your class if anyone had any “Lollipops” (good things that happened) or “Lemons” (bad things that happened) from this last week.
 - Lollipops - immediately thank God!
 - Lemons - immediately ask if someone would like to pray for their friend's “lemon.” Model short, one-sentence prayers.

NOTE: This time gives kids a chance to learn that praying for someone is easy and doesn't have to sound fancy. There's power in their prayers too!

Craft

9:40 - 9:55 \ 11:55 - 12:10

HOSANNA! Palm Branch

Supplies:

- Palm Leaf Image
- Safety scissors
- Hosanna cutout
- White Glue
- Craft stick

Instructions:

1. Pass out the palm branch image and safety scissors to each child.
2. Instruct the kids to cut out their palm leaf. To make it more interesting, they can cut out little triangles like in the picture. NOTE - Most kids will be stoked to cut out their leaf. However, some kids might lack the confidence and practice of using scissors. They will need a little bit more instruction and encouragement, and that's okay!
3. Glue the leaf to the craft stick and the Hosanna cutout to the leaf.
4. As you are crafting, talk about how an entrance like Jesus received is how kings were normally greeted as they entered a city. Jesus is the King of kings, but he came humbly riding on a donkey.



Free Time until Check-out

9:55 - end \\ 12:10 - end

Free Time

If time allows, allow the kids to play until their parents arrive.

Check-out

As kids are getting picked up, check each security label. If they lost their label come find the coordinator who will help verify the guardian.

Send each kid home with an Activity Page. Show the parent that there are activities they can do during the week to help disciple their kids at home.

**Thank you
1st grade
volunteers!**