



there is sunshine
in my soul today

St. James At home Lesson: Palm Sunday

Message: Jesus is our hero!

Opening Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qb63JKS3BaA>

Opening Prayer: I will be a listener of God's Word, I will be a friend to all God's people.
I will be a disciple of Jesus.

What is today called?

Who can tell me the name of a superhero?

What makes them heroes? *They save people, they defeat the bad guys, etc.*

We have heroes all around us too. There are so many people that help others and even save others. Who would you say is a hero?

This week we celebrate the greatest hero ever, Jesus!

Jesus is a super hero because conquers the enemies: sin and death.

He is a hero to us every day because He loves us and takes care of us.

Because Jesus died and rose He now lives in each one of us!

In Jesus' day people would welcome a hero by waving palms and shouting.

For Jesus they shouted "Hosanna!" and "Hosanna in the highest!"

We are going to make some paper palms that will be one part of our craft.

Cut green papers with a palm leaf shape or download ones that can be cut out.

When the palms are cut out practice waving them as if Jesus were walking by.

You will do this while reading the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. All: Blessed are You, Lord.

Jesus journeyed toward Jerusalem, the holy city, with His disciples.

He sent two disciples ahead with these instructions. Go to the village ahead and there you will find a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you why you are taking it say, "The master has need of it." They went and found everything just as Jesus had said. They took the colt to Jesus and helped Him get on it. As He rode toward Jerusalem people praised Him in loud voices saying, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Some leaders in the crowd said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet." Jesus answered, "I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting."

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity:

This week coming week will be celebrating our hero Jesus.
We are going to make a cross that will tell about His life.

First cut out the big white cross and the small square pictures. (From attached document)
Now take the square that says, "The Life of Jesus" and glue it in the center of the cross.

First find the picture where Jesus is being baptized. Do you remember who baptized Him? (John the Baptist). That was the beginning of Jesus' ministry. God's voice came from the sky. Do you remember what it said? "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Glue that picture in the top of the cross.

We also have a picture of Jesus with bread and fish. Does anyone remember that story?
Jesus took a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish and he fed 5000 people!
What do we call the amazing things Jesus did? Miracles!
Can you tell about any other miracles?
Glue the miracle picture to one arm of the cross.

Next find the picture of Jesus is with the cross. The Romans put a crown of thorns on His head and made Him carry His cross. We remember that when we pray the Stations of the Cross.
Glue that picture below the words.

Jesus died on that cross, but we know the story has a happy ending.
Jesus' body was laid in a tomb, like a cave. But when His friends went on Sunday to pray for Him, the cave was opened and empty! Jesus had risen from the dead!
That's what the last picture shows! Glue that on the cross.
We will celebrate Jesus' resurrection next Sunday.
What is next Sunday called? Easter!

If you wish you can glue the cross onto the palm branches to finish your project.

Conclude your lesson by listening to [by Lifetree Kids](#)

Materials for project can be downloaded from the site
Prekinders.

