

Palm Sunday Devotion 2020

De Soto Baptist Church



The Bible verse for this week comes from the **Book of Psalms**. This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the day that marks the wonderful entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem where the people welcomed him with a great reception, waving palm branches and singing Hosannas - *"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."*

Many of the Psalms were written by King David (the same David who killed Goliath.) The Psalms are actually poems and songs, and many of them praise God for all of His power, His protection, and His provision. King David lived through frightening and dangerous times, but he always found reasons to praise God.

We are living in a frightening and dangerous time, so we, too, must remember to Praise God for all He has done and all He will do for us.

"Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

This is an easy verse to memorize, isn't it?

1. Who is to Praise the Lord?

2. What does that mean? . . . everything that has breath?

There is a great song from an earlier VBS that uses this verse. Some of you will remember it. Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and find the following version:

Praise de Lord Rancho Avalancha

Sing along with the children and think of things OTHER THAN PEOPLE who might praise the Lord.

Everything that _____ Everything that _____

Spring is a perfect time to look for signs that nature might be praising the Lord? What could be examples of nature praising the Lord? Talk about this or write something below or on the back of this page.



We are told throughout the Bible that we need to Praise the Lord at all times. Paul reminds us many times to “Rejoice in the Lord, always” and “In all things give thanks.”

Even when times are difficult or scary, God wants us to praise Him because it helps us remember all of the good things we have enjoyed and all of the times He has come to our rescue. When we praise God, it makes us braver and happier because we remind each other of all we have to be thankful for.

Palm Sunday is the special day that we celebrate when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people cheered for him and waved palm branches as they sang “Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

The Jews and the land of Israel had been ruled by the Roman Empire for many years, and the Romans were very mean to them. In the Old Testament, the Jews had been promised by God that He would send a Messiah, a Savior to rescue them. Many people thought that Jesus was that Messiah because of all of the miracles he had done. In fact, he had actually brought someone back from death (Lazarus) just a few miles from Jerusalem, so everyone knew about Jesus.

The story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem is told in all four Gospels (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38; and John 12:12-15). You can read them from your own bible or you can read Luke 19:29-38 from [The Living Bible](#) version below:

... Jesus went on towards Jerusalem, walking along ahead of his disciples. As they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead, with instructions to go to the next village, and as they entered they were to look for a donkey tied beside the road. It would be a colt, not yet broken for riding.

“Untie him,” Jesus said, “and bring him here. And if anyone asks you what you are doing, just say, “The Lord needs him.””

They found the colt as Jesus said, and sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners demanded an explanation.

“What are you doing?” they asked. “Why are you untying our colt?”

And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs him!” So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw some of their clothing across its back for Jesus to sit on.

Then the crowds spread out their robes along the road ahead of him, and as they reached the place where the road started down from the Mount of Olives, the whole procession began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles Jesus had done.

“God has given us a King!” they exulted. “Long live the King! Let all heaven rejoice! Glory to God in the highest heavens!”

Questions:

1. As they were headed for Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples ahead. What were they to look for?
2. What were they to say if someone thought they might be stealing the animal?
3. Some accounts say that the people along the road waved palm branches and laid them on the road in front of Jesus; what else did they do to honor Jesus as He rode by them?
4. Why did they think Jesus was the King that God had sent for them? What did they say to show their excitement for Jesus?



ACTIVITIES YOU MIGHT ENJOY:

1. If you would like to **see a movie version** of what the procession might have looked like, one version is on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hosanna) *Hosanna – A Palm Sunday Song*.
2. One of the musical instruments that was used in Biblical days was a **tambourine**. You and your family can make your own tambourines to play when singing or listening to music. The instructions are two attachments to this email.
3. Sing along with songs of Praise and use your tambourine as you are singing. There are two praise songs that we think you will remember from recent VBS units:

Again, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for the following:

To God Be the Glory – RoarVBS/Group Publishing

My God Is So Great – LifetreeKids – Everest VBS Music Video

God of Wonders – Our Lady of Consolation Rockford

Thus, while we are recognizing Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem with the people shouting and praising Him, it seems appropriate to take this time to practice the art of Praising.

These are very hard and difficult times, so it seems odd to many that we should be praising God. However, God knows that praises are especially important in times of hardship and trouble, for those same praises will remind us of God's goodness and God's protection.

SUMMER FUN

“Worship The Lord With Gladness”

Tambourine Craft

Materials Needed:

- Pattern on page 26
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paper plates
- Hole punch
- Buttons, beans, or other filler that will make noise

Instructions:

- Color and cut out the pattern on page 26.
- Glue it to the bottom of a paper plate.
- Put 2 paper plates together with top rims facing each other.
- Hole punch together so the holes line up.
- Take the bottom plate and put filler on the plate.
- Put the other plate on top, matching up the holes.
- Thread ribbon through the paper plates around the edges first to make sure the plates are attached to each other and the buttons or beans do not fall out.
- Next tie ribbon through each hole to make fringe around the paper plate, further securing the plates together.



Helpful Hint: Use a heavier paper plate to ensure the tambourine lasts longer with vigorous shaking.

