

## Children's Worship 3/1/2020

<p><b>Welcome</b> 1 min</p>	<p><b>Display Power Point Slide 1 – The ArC Logo</b></p> <p>Welcome children to Children's Worship. Explain that we are here to worship God by singing, reading the Bible, learning about God, praying and giving offering. Introduce yourself by name every week.</p>
<p><b>Introduce Series – Lent</b> 5 min</p>	<p>This winter we explored the New Testament and moments from Jesus' life. We learned about Jesus' life because it is an example for our lives. Jesus is God's son and He lived a perfect life. If we follow Jesus' example, we can live the way God wants us to live.</p> <p>But Jesus didn't live on Earth forever. He actually only lived to be 33 years old. At the age of 33, Jesus died, but three days later He came back to life! We have a holiday that celebrates Jesus coming back to life. Does anyone know what it is called? (<i>Easter</i>)</p> <p>That's right, Easter. At Christmas time, which is Jesus' birth, we learned that the church has a time to prepare for Christmas. What was it called? (<i>Advent</i>) During Advent, we prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.</p> <p>The church also has a time to prepare for Easter. It is called Lent.</p> <p><b>Display PowerPoint Slide 2 – Lent Series Logo</b></p> <p>During Lent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus coming back to life on Easter. One way to prepare is to learn about Easter and the events that led to Easter. If you remember, during Advent we learned about how Jesus was born (Mary finding out she was pregnant, travelling to Bethlehem, Jesus being born in stable, shepherds, wise men). During Lent we are going to learn how Jesus died and came back to life.</p> <p>While many people loved Jesus while He was on Earth, some people did not. Jesus was very popular and sometimes when a person is popular other people can become jealous of that.</p>

	<p>There were people during Jesus’ time who did not like Him. They were jealous of His popularity and they were afraid He would take away their power. These people plotted to have Jesus arrested and put to death. This month we are going to learn about these events and focus on how Jesus and the people around Him responded.</p> <p>All of the events we will learn about happened within one week – Sunday to Sunday – and they all happened in the city of Jerusalem. We will keep track of each event on this timeline. <i>(Show timeline on wall)</i> Today we will learn how Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on that first Sunday <i>(reference timeline)</i>. Easter will be the last Sunday on our timeline <i>(reference timeline)</i>. As we go through the next month, we will learn about other events that happened in Jerusalem during this week.</p> <p>So let’s find out how Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Remember, He was a pretty popular guy, so it would be a big deal that He was arriving.</p>
<p><b>Read &amp; Discuss</b>  <b>Today’s Scripture</b>  <b>Lesson – Palm</b>  <b>Sunday</b>  15 min</p>	<p>How many of you have ever been to a parade? What was it like? <i>(Exciting, loud, colorful)</i></p> <p>What did you do as the floats or bands came by? <i>(Wave, clap, shout)</i></p> <p>What did you do if you REALLY liked a float? <i>(Clap and shout louder)</i></p> <p>If you were going to be in a parade, what kind of float would you want to be on? <i>(Big, colorful, the best one)</i></p> <p>What if you were going to ride a horse in a parade? What kind would you want? <i>(Big, proud, standout)</i></p> <p>You might think Jesus would have wanted to do the same thing when he entered Jerusalem. There were a lot of people excited about his arrival and they were waiting for him. You would think he would want to make a grand entrance on a big horse! But guess what? Jesus made an unexpected choice. Jesus chose to ride a humble donkey. He wanted to show his disciples that</p>

they didn't need to be flashy or showy to share God's love.

So why do we call today Palm Sunday? If Jesus entered on a donkey wouldn't we call it Donkey Sunday? Let's read our scripture passage and see if we can find out.

**Read Luke 19:28-40**

**(Add to verse 36 – “As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road.”)**

Let's watch a video to learn more about Jesus arriving in Jerusalem.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

What did people do as Jesus rode into Jerusalem? (*Laid down their clothes; laid down palm branches; cheered*)

**Give each child a palm branch.**

Remember we said the roads during Bible times were made of dirt and were dusty. Laying down clothes and palms was a way to cover the dirt for someone important. This would usually be done for a king. The people of Jerusalem were showing their respect for Jesus.

They were also shouting and clapping (just like you would do at a parade). **Let's wave our palm branches and shout and cheer for Jesus.**

Some people said Jesus' friends should be quiet, but Jesus said if they were quiet, even the stones would shout. He meant that it was such an exciting time that even a stone would cheer! **Let's cheer as loud as we can for Jesus.**

We celebrate Jesus as we wave our palm branches. We may not have the opportunity to see Jesus in person as a human, but we do “see” Jesus in the world today. What are some ways we see Jesus in the world today? (*people being kind to others,*

*volunteering at charities, forgiveness, neighbors helping each other, young people helping older people, etc.)*

What are some specific ways this church shows God's love in the world? (*Food pantry, Shoeboxes at Christmas, inviting friends to church, offering, being kind and welcoming to visitors to our church (something you can do on Easter!), Vacation Bible School to teach kids about God, mission trips*)

Just as the people of Jerusalem celebrated Jesus arriving in their city, we should always celebrate when we see God's love alive in the world today. We should cheer for people who are spreading God's love. We should support and cheer for people and organizations that are helping others. We should cheer for ourselves when we help others see God's love in the world!

You are going to have an opportunity today to cheer for some people who are sick, sad or just need some kind words from you!

Adults and youth from Arcola Church go on a mission to Sneedville, Tennessee each summer. While we are there, we are helping other families learn about God and spread God's love to them through service. We can make joyful Easter cards for them.

Director of Caring, Molly Riedel leads the Care Ministry here at Arcola Church. She and her team of volunteers offer care and support for those in our congregation and community. Whether you are ill, homebound, hospitalized, need support or friendship – they are there for you. For we believe that healing and care lead to a more compassionate life. We can make joyful Easter cards for them to send to people in our church and community.

When you go back to your classrooms, we will make joyful Easter cards for them. This is a way to celebrate God's love in the world – a way to cheer for "seeing" Jesus. So do your best and be creative!

**Closing Song**

4 min

This song is called He Arose. It talks about Jesus' resurrection. Not even death could defeat Jesus – He arose!

	<p><b>Display PowerPoint Slide 4</b> <b>He Arose</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4iYYoZVJZw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4iYYoZVJZw</a></p>
<p><b>Joys and Concerns and Closing Prayer</b> 2 min</p>	<p>Joys and Concerns were written on cards in the classrooms. Classroom teachers will have provided the cards to you when they arrived at Children’s Worship.</p> <p><b>Share some of the Joys and Concerns with the group. Incorporate them into the beginning of the closing prayer before reading the responsive portion below.</b></p> <p>Read the prayer responsively. You read one line at a time and the kids repeat after you.</p> <p>Dear God, Hosanna! Hosanna! We are excited to see Jesus in the world today. Help us Show others God’s love. Amen</p>