

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Who is the best?

Bottom Line: Jesus is the best!

Memory Verse: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son." John 3:16, GNT

Bible Story Focus: We can praise Jesus.
Palm Sunday • *Matthew 21:1-16*

Activity #1:

What You Need:

"Palm Branches" Activity Page below and green crayons

Cut out the palm branch and have your child color it.

During the Activity: Give you child a palm branch cut out, to color and then to wave as you say this month's memory verse.

What You Say:

Let's say it together as we walk around the room waving our palm branches."
God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, John 3:16 (GNT). Great job, everyone!"

After the Activity: "When Jesus entered the town of Jerusalem, the people were SO excited! They waved palm branches and placed their coats along the road to welcome Jesus. God loved the world SO much that He gave us Jesus. **Who is the best? [Bottom Line] Jesus is the best!"**

Activity #2:

Read the Bible Verse

Memory Verse: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son." John 3:16, GNT

Activity #3:

Watch the Video Story

What you need: Video @ www.Myrtlegrovebaptist.com

Activity #4:

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

What You Need:

“Jesus Enters Jerusalem Maze” Activity Page (below) and crayons

Encourage the children to follow the maze to connect Jesus to the donkey.

What You Say:

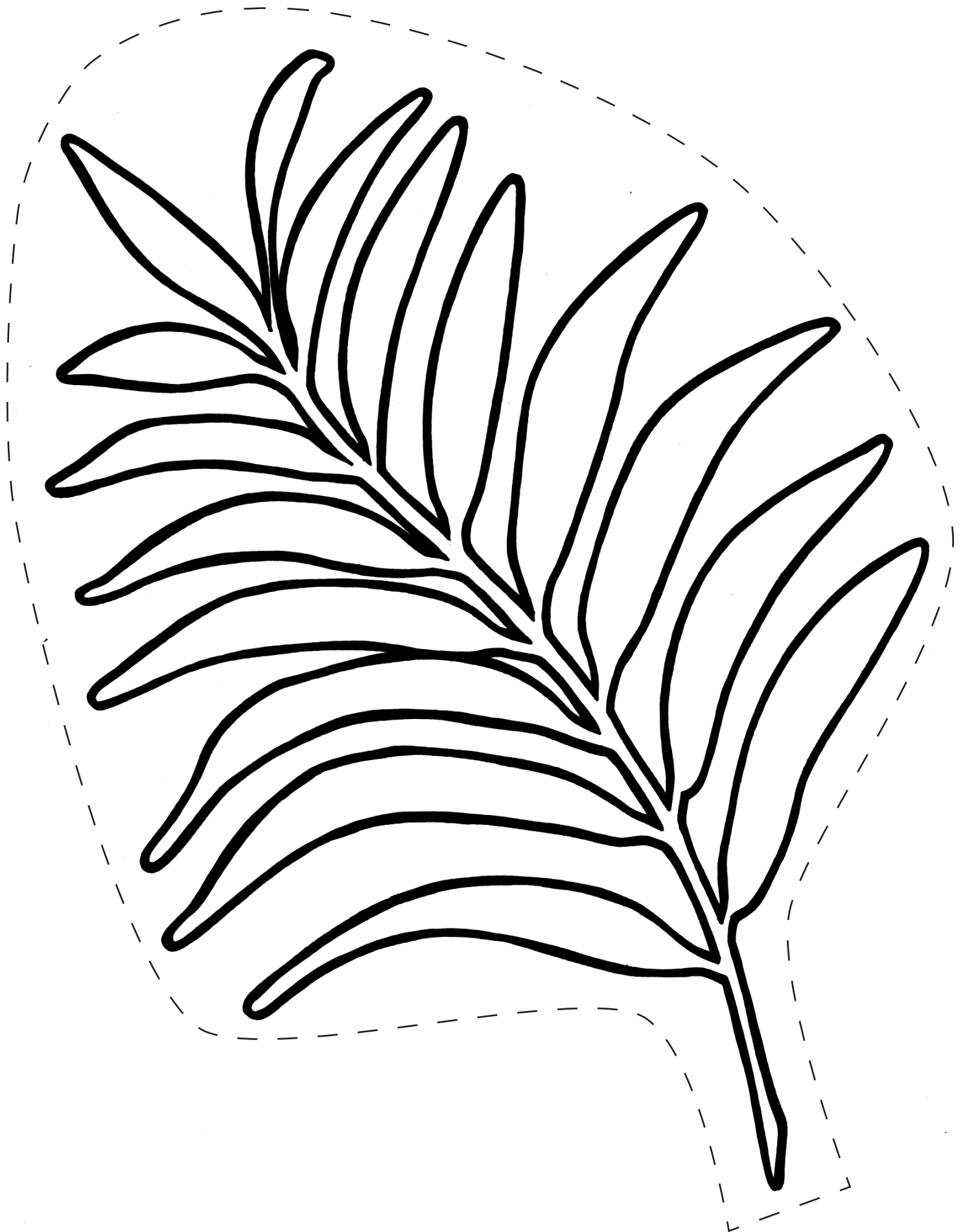
During the Activity: “In our Bible story today, what did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, a donkey! Take a look at the page in front of you. Do you see Jesus? We need to help him find the donkey! Let’s see if you can find your way through the maze to get the donkey to Jesus.”

After the Activity: “You found your way through the maze! Great job. I love how excited the people were to see Jesus in our Bible story today. They wanted honor and worship Jesus because He is the best! **Who is the best? [Bottom Line] Jesus is the best.**”

Activity #5:

Pray

“Dear God, serving others can be hard, but we want to serve others like Jesus did so they know we love them. Jesus is the best and we are so thankful You gave Him to us to be our friend and to show us how to do what is right. Please help (child’s name) to serve others in every way possible. Help us all to serve even when it’s hard. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



Palm Branches • B&W • *Palm Branch Verse* • April Week 2

Copy on green cardstock and cut along dotted lines. One palm branch per child.

CURRICULUM FOR 3- to 5- YEAR OLDS • ©2017 The reThink Group. All rights reserved. • www.ThinkOrange.com

