



10 PALM SUNDAY MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES



I'M A FAN

Items needed:

A palm branch (or fake palm branch)

Two balloons

A hula-hoop

Instructions:

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, they waved palm branches to welcome him. In this challenge you must wave your palm branch to guide two balloons into the center of the hula-hoop. Accomplish this mighty deed in 60 seconds or less, and you win a prize.

Application:

People waved palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

DROPPING PALMS

Items needed:

A step stool

A hula-hoop

Palm branches or fake palm branches

Instructions:

The people of Jerusalem covered the road in palms to welcome Jesus. Your task in this challenge is to drop the palms on the circle below while standing on the stool, covering the full circle. If you can completely cover the circle with palm branches before 60 seconds elapses, you win a prize.

Application:

The blood of Jesus covers our sins.

ENTER THE GATES

Items needed:

Two empty 20 oz soda bottles, one filled with Skittles

Instructions:

Jesus wasn't the only one who entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. A large crowd passed through the gates into the city. Your challenge in this game is to get all the M&Ms from the full bottle into the other bottle. You have 60 seconds to move all the M&Ms to their new home. Be careful not to spill any, or this game will become even harder!

Application:

God wants us all to come together each week to celebrate what Jesus has done for us.

NAME THAT SONG

Items needed:

See Set Up

Set up:

Create a list of hymns or worship songs your kids should all know and write down the lyrics for each. An adult leader will read the verses to the kids, and they will have to name the song. Depending on the age of the kids, pick 6-10 songs. (Use fewer songs for younger kids.)

Instructions:

People greeted Jesus with songs of praise when He rode into Jerusalem. In this challenge you will hear the words to 10 songs we sing every week. Your task is to name all the songs before time runs out. You only have 60 seconds to complete this challenge!

Application:

We sing songs of praise to let Jesus know how much we love Him!

DONKEY BALL

Items needed:

A small kiddie basketball hoop and ball

Instructions:

The donkey who brought Jesus to Jerusalem was truly gentle, but a donkey has a mean back kick when he gets agitated. In this challenge you will attempt to sink a basketball, donkey style, by tossing a ball over your shoulder and kicking it into the hoop. If you can make one basket in 60 seconds or less, you will win a prize.

Applications:

Kings rode into town on a donkey when they came in peace. Jesus came to bring us peace.

COAT HANGER

Items needed:

Three heavy coats

A coat rack

Instructions:

The people who had coats laid them down on the road when Jesus made his entrance. In this challenge, you must try and hang three coats up on the coat rack by tossing the coats from four feet away. You will only have 60 seconds to complete this challenge, but if you do, you will win a prize.

Applications:

Like the people of Jerusalem, we should welcome Jesus into our hearts.

COAT BRIDGE

Items needed:

Tape

Two heavy coats

Set up:

Mark two lines on the floor parallel to each other, 15 feet apart.

Instructions:

To win this challenge, you must travel over the tops of two coats from the start to finish, just as Jesus did when He entered Jerusalem. Lay down one coat to start, then the second. While standing on the second, pick up the first coat, and lay it down in front of you to take your third step. Continue this way until you reach the finish or until time runs out.

Application:

We should follow in Jesus' footsteps and love other people.

PALM PICKUP

Items needed:

10 Palm Leaves
A bag or cup
Tongs or tweezers

Instructions:

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, someone had to clean up the palm branches left behind. Your task is to pick up 10 palm leaves and place them in a cup, using only a pair of tongs to handle them. Complete this challenge in a minute or less, and you are a winner.

Application:

Jesus came to clean up our sins.

PRECIOUS CARGO

Items needed:

A bowl of candy
Tape

Set up:

Mark two lines on the ground parallel to each other 5 feet apart.

Instructions:

The donkey who brought Jesus into Jerusalem was certainly carrying precious cargo. In this challenge, you must crawl on all fours from the starting line to the finish line carrying a bowl of candy on your back. Move gently and deliberately, but don't take too long. You only have 60 seconds to finish this challenge.

Application:

Jesus will carry us through tough times.

ENTER THE GATES

Items needed:

A hula-hoop

Set up:

Choose five players for this game. Have them stand side by side and hold hands.

Instructions:

To celebrate Jesus entering the gates of Jerusalem, we are challenging you and your friends to enter through the narrow gate of a hula-hoop. Starting on one end and moving to the other, you and your teammates must all pass through the hula-hoop while holding hands. You can twist and contort your body any way you choose, but you may not let go of each other's hands. You will have 60 seconds to get all of your team members to pass through the hoop.

Application:

Jesus came to Earth and to Jerusalem to save us from our sins.