

MAKE IT TRUE

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them on a rug or in the corner of the room.

Encourage the kids to have fun singing with you and then share the Bible Story.

Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

FIRST LOOK OFFERS A WEEKLY BIBLE STORY ON OUR DVD TITLED "WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY," WHICH YOU MAY CHOOSE TO USE RATHER THAN A LIVE STORYTELLER THIS WEEK. THIS DVD IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT WWW.ORANGESTORE.ORG



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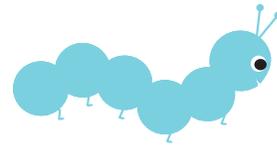
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BASIC TRUTH

**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**

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player, this month's worship song, "He Does Good Things," downloaded from the Website, and the motions for the song

LEADER: "Good morning, everyone. It's so great to see you here today. Who can remember who we're talking about this month? (Pause.) We're talking about how awesome Jesus is. He's THE BEST. **Who is the best? Jesus is the best!** Great job! Let's sing.

(Lead children in singing "He Does Good Things.")

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing together with you! **Who is the best? Jesus is the best!**"

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, palm branches for every child, masking tape, and several blankets (Optional: "Palm Branch" Activity Page from the Website.)

NOTE: Use the masking tape to mark out a one-foot wide path through the classroom. Ask another volunteer to help you pass out the palm branches and then lay blankets along the path when you get to that point in the story.

STORYTELLER: (Gather the children to sit in a circle on the floor). "Hi, friends! I'm so happy to see you all today because I have such an exciting story to tell you. You can read this story in the Bible (*hold up Bible*), which means it's true! Everything we read in the Bible is true. Today's Bible story begins in the town of Jerusalem. The people in Jerusalem heard that Jesus would be walking through! Can you imagine if YOU heard that Jesus, God's Son, was coming to your town? Would you go see Him? (Pause.) Of course you would! It's Jesus, and He's the best! Well, that's what the whole town did!

"They all gathered in the street to praise Jesus together. Do you notice the tape outline on the floor? (*Point to floor.*) I need everyone to scoot over a little so that you can see the path down the center of the room. Let's all stand along the path. (*Stand at one end of the path.*)

"Jesus came into town riding on a donkey! And the people got so excited that they took off their coats and laid them on the road in front of Him. Let's lay down those blankets like they laid down their coats. (*Encourage the volunteer to help lay out*



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the blankets along the path.) Then the crowd waved palm branches. Let's pass out these branches to our friends! (Help another volunteer pass out the palm branches.) Excellent! Now let's see you wave your branches. (Wave branches.) Great job! (Walk along the path.)

"The people waved their branches and shouted 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! He's the best!' Say that with me: 'He's the best!'"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "He's the best! He's the best!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! And Jesus smiled and said they were doing exactly what they were supposed to. We all can praise Jesus, even children like you, even grown-ups like me! We can praise Him because why? Because Jesus is God's Son and He's the best! **Who is the best? Jesus is the best.** Great job. **Who is the best?"**

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "**Jesus is the best!**"

STORYTELLER: "Great job, everyone. Let's put your palm branches down by your sides and pray together.

"Dear God, we love You! Thank You for this story about how the people knew who Jesus was and that they praised Him. Even the CHILDREN praised Him. And we can, too, because we know that Jesus is the best! We love Jesus. In His name we pray, amen."