

Jesus the Promised Messiah

Bible Lesson: Jesus the Promised Messiah, Isaiah 35:4-6, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-17, 26:1-5, Luke 19:39-48

Main Teaching: Jesus is the Promise Messiah

Word Up: Jesus is the Promised One

Supplies:

- Word Up Booklet – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “Jesus is the Good News” and “Jump” - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- Optional Song Visual for “Jesus is the Good News” and “Jump” – Worship (cefpress.com)
- Folded cards – Good, Bad, and an arrow, round glass or container, water – Object Lesson
- Flashcards for Bible Story “Jesus: God Who Saves” – Bible Lesson 1
- Skit Card and Prophecy Scrolls – Bible Lesson 1
- Plate, milk, food coloring, dish soap, Q-Tip – Missionary Story
- 2 Dice – Review Game
- Quiet Time Guide – Week 1
- Color Sheet – Week 1

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Bible Lesson
- 10 min – Review Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group

INTRODUCTION

Who is Jesus? Why did He come? How do I know for sure what to believe? Children today need to know what they believe and why. In this **topical evangelistic** Bible lesson, you will have an opportunity to answer these questions. The children will learn that the people of Jesus' time wanted a Messiah to bring freedom from Roman oppression. But Jesus the Messiah came to bring freedom from something far worse than government tyranny. He came to free us from sin. Over 300 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus, showing Him to be the Messiah. Sixty prophecies point directly to what would happen to the Messiah. The remaining 270 are implications, but still prove that Jesus is the Messiah. In today's lesson, you will share three of those fulfilled prophecies, giving children the confidence that God's Word is true and that Jesus is the Promised One who can be trusted.



SMALL GROUP

Random Questions

Go around the circle and have each student answer the question.

1. What is your favorite animal?
2. If you could wear only one color for the rest of your life, which one would you choose?

3. What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?
4. If you could be any age for the rest of your life, which would you choose and why?
5. If you had a free day to do anything you wanted to do, what would you do?
6. Which celebrity would you choose for your best friend?

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to YouTube and type in CEF and the name of the song in the search bar.

“Jesus is the Good News”

“Jump”

RULES

What if you were playing a game of Soccer with your friends, and they decided there didn't need to be any rules. Everyone started picking up the ball with their hands, no one cared if they were offsides, or even who got the ball when it went out of bounds. Would that game be very fun? No. In club we have some rules so that everyone can have fun and learn about Jesus. They are: Sit up, Listen up, Look up, Hands up and Zip up.



WORD UP!

“Jesus is the Promised One”

God has made many promises in the Bible. One promise is that He would send someone to save people from the punishment of sin—the wrong things we do. Jesus is the Savior God promised to send. Today in our lesson we are going to learn some things from the Bible that prove Jesus is the Promised One. **WORD UP! “Jesus is the Promised One!”** (Say with children.)

OBJECT LESSON

Jesus Came to Show Us the Right Way

Supplies: folded pieces of paper, one that says Good, one that says Bad and one that has an arrow, round glass container – a drinking glass will work but the bigger the container the better. It has to be round. Water to pour in the container.

(Set out the good paper, the bad paper and the arrow in between. The arrow should be pointing toward bad. Put the clear round glass in front of the arrow.)

When God created the world, everything was perfect. But God gave us free will to make our own choices, and Adam and Eve chose to sin. After that everyone in the whole world was born with a want to sin. It is our sin nature. On our own, we make bad choices. (Show the arrow pointing to the word bad.) Our bad choices are called sin. Our sin separates us from God. But God loved us so much that He promised to send a Savior. That Savior was

Jesus. Jesus came down to show us the right way to live. When we follow Jesus, He will help us to turn from our bad choices and start making good choices. (Pour water into the round glass. The arrow will look like it is facing the other way – toward the right choice.)

Today we are going to learn about how God promised to send Jesus all the way back in the Old Testament.



BIBLE LESSON

INTRODUCTION

The people of Israel were once a powerful people blessed by God, but they continually chose to go their own way. Because of their disobedience, God allowed other nations to rule over them. Today's lesson takes place when the Romans ruled Israel.

Let's listen to what two people from Israel might have said during this time:

"Is He the Messiah?" skit

Person 1: The Romans want more and more taxes. They've taken over all of Israel.

Person 2: Will we ever be free from them? Roman soldiers are everywhere.

Person 1: If the Messiah comes, He'll set us free. He'll save Israel!

Person 2: If only He would come. It seems like such a long time since God promised to send a deliverer for Israel.

Person 1: Maybe this man called Jesus is the Messiah. Maybe He will save us from the Romans and make us a great nation again.

Could Jesus be the Messiah they were waiting for? The Messiah would be the special one sent by God to save them and be their king. Many people who knew Jesus thought He was this special one, this Messiah. They hoped that Jesus would deliver them from the Roman government who had taken over their country.

But there is a greater reason God sent the Messiah. It wasn't to save Israel from the Roman soldiers but to save people from something much worse.

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Flashcard 1

Everything that is wrong in the world started because of that worse thing. That thing is sin. Do you know what sin is? (*Allow response.*) Sin is going against God's perfect and good way. Sin came into the world all the way back when the first two people God made were alive. Their names were Adam and Eve. Even though God had given them many amazing things, they chose to disobey God's one rule. When they disobeyed God, sin entered the world.



Sin has been a part of every person's life since then. The Bible says, (*read Romans 5:12*). Sin came into the world through Adam and was passed to every one of us. All of us are born sinners—wanting to go our own way and not God's way. You sin when you choose to tell a lie to keep from getting into trouble or when you are jealous of someone who seems to get more attention than you. Anytime you are selfish and fight to get your own way, you are sinning. Sin must be punished. The worst part about sin is it keeps you from having a relationship (friendship) with God. Sin separates you from God both now and forever.

Sin separated Adam and Eve from God when they chose to go against Him. But God had a plan to make a way for every person to be saved from the punishment for sin. God sent prophets who wrote many of the books of the Old Testament. They spoke God's messages to His people. One of their most important messages was the continued telling that the Promised One, called the Messiah, would come. The Messiah would tell them of God, teach them truth, make the way to God, and rule over them. Another word for *Messiah* is *Christ*. One way people talk about Jesus is by calling Him "the Lord Jesus Christ." People call Him that because they know **Jesus is the promised Messiah.**

WORD UP!, "**Jesus is the Promised One!**" (Say with children.)

Flashcard 2

For hundreds of years, God spoke to prophets and gave them many prophecies about the Messiah. Prophecies are words from God about what would happen in the future. There are over 300 prophecies about the Messiah in the Old Testament. God's people studied these prophecies so they would be able to recognize the Messiah when He came. Over the next few weeks, we're going to look at some of these prophecies and how they came true. We'll keep track of them each week. (Show a Prophecy Poster. You can either have cards with the different prophecies written on them to add to the poster or write the prophecies on it as you teach them throughout the series.) One of the things God told the prophets was where the Messiah would be born. Listen to this verse from the Old Testament and raise your hand when you hear the name of a city. (Have a child read from a scroll with Micah 5:2 written on it. If desired make scroll look old by crumpling it or staining it with tea bags.) Did you hear the name of the city? (Allow response.)

Bethlehem would be the city where the ruler of Israel, the Messiah, would be born. (Add "Born in Bethlehem" to Prophecy Poster.) Do you know where Jesus was born? (Allow response.) He was born in the city of Bethlehem!

The prophecies that were given about the Messiah were coming true in Jesus. Because the people from Israel studied the prophecies, they should have known what the Messiah would be like. As people followed Jesus, they saw the amazing things He did and wondered if He was God's Promised One.

One day near the time of Jesus' death, after Jesus and His disciples had been traveling throughout Israel, they came to a village near Jerusalem. It was a busy time because many people were going to Jerusalem for a special celebration. Let's pretend we are traveling to Jerusalem. We need to pack our bags. Throw your bag over your shoulder and walk and walk and walk. (Do with children.)

Flashcard 3

Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead on a special errand. He told them, "You will find a donkey tied with its colt (young donkey). Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you're doing, tell him the Lord needs them."

The disciples obeyed and everything happened just as Jesus said. They brought the donkey and colt to Jesus and put their robes across the back of the colt for Jesus to sit on.

Flashcard 4

The Bible says the colt had never been ridden. Something amazing was happening as Jesus rode on the colt. Another one of the prophecies of the Old Testament was coming true! Listen to what was written and clap your hands when you hear the word *king*. (Have a child read Zechariah 9:9 from scroll.)

Israel's king would come into Jerusalem riding on a colt. (Add "Riding a colt" to Prophecy Poster.) This prophecy was written by a man named Zechariah about 500 years before Jesus was born. How could Zechariah know this would happen?

God spoke to him, telling him about the Messiah. God wanted the people of Israel to be able to recognize the promised Messiah when He came. **Jesus is the promised Messiah.**

WORD UP!, “**Jesus is the Promised One!**” (*Say with children.*)

The disciples walked alongside Jesus as He rode the colt. People were coming from everywhere. They were excited when they saw Jesus.

Flashcard 5

As Jesus rode the colt into Jerusalem, people put their coats on the ground in front of Him. Others cut down palm branches and put them on the road. The crowd began to call out praises to Jesus.

“Hosanna to the Son of David!” they shouted. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Hosanna is a word of praise and honor. The people were honoring Jesus as the promised Messiah. Let’s shout “Hosanna! Hosanna!” (*Say with children.*) Everyone seemed so happy that Jesus had come! They shouted out praise because of all the wonderful things He had done. They thought He would become their king and do more wonderful things, like set them free from the Romans. Jesus did come to set people free, but not from Roman soldiers. Jesus came to set people free from their sins. He is the promised Savior.



Jesus is the Messiah sent from God to be the Savior of the world. Let’s say our memory verse together. (*Quote 1 John 4:14 with children.*) Jesus is the only one who can set you free from the punishment of your sin. Jesus, God the Son, left Heaven, came to Earth as a baby, and grew to be a man. He lived a perfect life, never going against God’s ways. He willingly came to fulfill God’s promises so you can be forgiven and have a relationship with God. (*Read Revelation 1:5b.*) Because of Jesus’ great love for you, He willingly died, giving His life’s blood for your sin. He did this just a few days after riding into Jerusalem. He is the only one who could save you from being separated from God forever. Jesus died for you but on the third day He came back to life! He lives today in Heaven as King. **Jesus is the promised Messiah** who came to set you free from your sin.

WORD UP!, “**Jesus is the Promised One!**” (*Say with children.*)

Jesus came to set people free from their sin, but the people wanted a different kind of freedom—freedom from the Romans. Everyone seemed happy that Jesus had come! They were hoping He would free them from the Romans. But some people weren’t happy Jesus had come to Jerusalem. They were the Pharisees—a group of religious leaders at the time. They heard the people shouting “Hosanna” and angrily scolded Jesus. They said, “Tell your followers to be quiet!” They did not believe Jesus was sent by God.

Jesus didn’t tell the people to be quiet. He let them celebrate. But Jesus also knew that they didn’t really understand who He is and why He came. Jesus is the Messiah, and He was coming to the city to die. Jesus stopped and looked out over the people and the city of Jerusalem; tears filled His eyes. The Bible says Jesus wept for the people He loved. He wanted the people to know who He truly is!



It is also God’s desire for you to know who He is. God wants you to know how much He loves you. You are His special creation. God made you with just the right personality to serve Him. He chose whether you would be a boy or a girl and He has a special purpose for your life. He loves you very much and sent Jesus to show you what His love looks like. Jesus, who is fully God, became a man. He showed God’s power through the miracles He did. He showed God’s holiness by living a perfect life. He showed God’s love as He cared for the people and wept for them. Jesus showed His love for you by dying to save you from your sins. The Bible talks about God’s love. (*Read Jeremiah 31:3b.*) God is drawing you to a relationship with Him by showing you His love through Jesus. He wants you to know who He is and His love for you.

Jesus wanted the people to know who He is and His love for them. He wanted them to know that He is the Messiah, the Promised One who came to save them.

Flashcard 6

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, He taught at the temple (the place where the people worshiped God). Many blind and crippled people were brought to Jesus and He healed them. This was another fulfilled prophecy about what the Messiah would do. Listen to what the prophet Isaiah wrote about the Messiah. *(Have a child read Isaiah 35:5-6a from scroll.)*

That is exactly what happened when the blind and sick were brought to Jesus! *(Add "Healed the sick" to Prophecy Poster.)*

Because, WORD UP!, **"Jesus is the Promised One!"** *(Say with children.)*



If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, **you can be confident that Jesus is the Promised One** who came to save you. You can share with others why you believe Jesus is the Savior. You may have friends who don't know why they should believe Jesus is God the Son who came to save them. Some people might make fun of you for what you believe. Others might ask you how you know what you believe is really true. Showing them what God promised and how those promises came true in Jesus can help them. You should be ready to give an answer to others who want to know why you believe what you believe. The Bible says, *(read 1 Peter 3:15b)*. The hope this verse is talking about is your belief in Jesus and what the Bible says about Him. When you tell someone about Jesus, you should always be kind and respectful. Ask God to help you know what to say. He will give you the right words. Pray for your friends who do not believe on Jesus and ask God to help you share with them about your Savior. You can have confidence that **Jesus is the Promised Messiah!** WORD UP!, **"Jesus is the Promised One!"** *(Say with children.)*

The Pharisees did not believe Jesus was the Promised One. They were furious because the people were following Jesus. They refused to see how the prophecies in God's Word were coming true in Jesus. They decided to do something to stop Him.

CLIMAX

The leaders would figure out a way to arrest Him. But they would have to do it when Jesus was away from the crowds who loved Him.

CONCLUSION

Jesus knew what they were planning. He knew that more prophecies about the Messiah would come true in the days to come.

INVITATION



Jesus is the promised Messiah who came to save people from their sins. He came to save you too! Jesus loves you so much that He came to die for your sins. Have you believed on Jesus, the Messiah, for yourself? Acts 16:31 says, *(read from Bible)*. To believe means to trust that Jesus died for you and is the only one who can save you from your sin. When you believe on Jesus, you are saved—forgiven of your sin and no longer separated from God. You will have a friendship with God now and live with Him forever. God will always be with you. Will you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you want to believe on Jesus and be saved, show me by raising your hand. *(Acknowledge responses.)* If you raised your hand or want to talk to me about believing on Jesus, please meet me *(designate time and location)* and I will show you what the Bible says about being saved.



REVIEW GAME

Roll for Points

Divide the kids into 2 teams and ask questions alternating teams. When a team answers the question right, they get to roll the dice. That is the number of points they get times 100. If a team rolls an 8, they get 800 points. If a team rolls doubles, they get to roll again for extra points.

1. Why could John testify (tell others) that Jesus is true and real? *(Because he knew Jesus personally; because he saw the miracles Jesus did; he saw Jesus alive after he had died.)*
2. What did the people of Israel want the Messiah to come and do for them? *(Set them free from the Romans who ruled over them.)*
3. What is the worst part about sin? *(It keeps me from having a relationship with God.)*
4. Why did God send the Messiah? *(To make a way for me to be saved from the punishment for sin and have a friendship with God.)*
5. What do we call the words from God that His prophets wrote about what would happen in the future? *(Prophecy.)*
6. What did the people shout as Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem? *(“Hosanna!” “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”)*
7. Who is the only one who can set you free from the punishment of your sin? *(Jesus.)*
8. Why were the Pharisees not happy that Jesus had come to Jerusalem? *(They did not believe Jesus was the Promised One sent by God.)*
9. How did Jesus show God’s love for you? *(By dying to save me from my sin.)*
10. Today we learned about three prophecies that came true in Jesus. Can you name two of them? *(Born in Bethlehem; rode into Jerusalem on a colt (donkey); healed the sick.)*
11. What happens when you believe on Jesus? *(I am saved; I am forgiven of my sin and no longer separated from God; I have a friendship with God that lasts forever.)*
12. If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, when a friend asks how you know what you believe is true, what could you say? *(Tell them the promises God made and how they came true in Jesus; answers may vary.)*

MISSIONARY STORY

What is a missionary?

Supplies: A plate, 3 T milk, 2 or 3 colors of food coloring, a small bowl for dish soap, dish soap, and a q-tip

A missionary is someone who tells people about the Good News about Jesus! Jesus wants everyone to know about Him. He wants everyone in your school to know about Him, everyone in your family to know about Him and everyone in the world to know about Him. But how do people learn about Jesus? Someone has to tell them! That person is called a missionary. Anyone who has believed in Jesus can be a missionary and tell others about Him.

Let’s pretend this milk is the world. (Pour some milk on a plate. It will look like a white circle.) There are people all over the world who don’t know about Jesus. There are people in the United States who don’t know about Jesus, people in Africa, in France, in India, in Australia and in China. (Drop different colors of food coloring into the milk as you say each place, spreading the drops out all over the circle.) How will these people learn about Jesus? Someone has to go and tell them. That person is a missionary! A missionary goes to where people live that don’t know Jesus, and he or she tells them about Jesus! The message of Jesus spreads all over the world when

missionaries tell others about Jesus. (Take a Q-Tip and dip it in dish soap. Put it in the center of the milk circle. The colors will all spread and blend together.)

This session in Good News Club we are going to learn about some missionaries named the Burnhams. Where did they go and how did they tell people about Jesus? You will have to come back next week to find out!



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Color Sheet and Discussion





Review the Bible Lesson from today as kids color the picture. Talk about how Jesus wants us to know how much He loves us and that He is the promised Messiah.

DISMISSAL

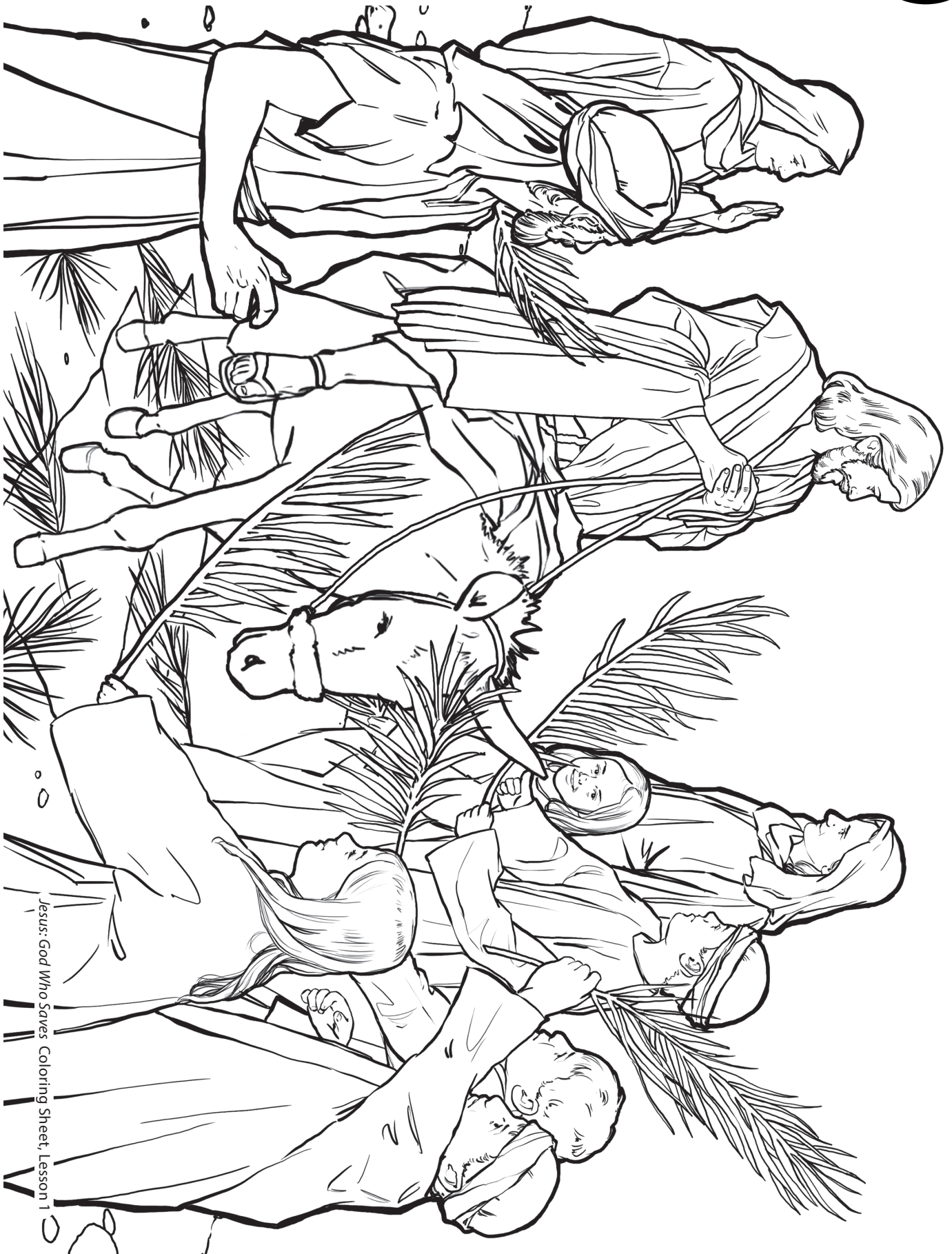
Hand out a Quiet Time Sheet (Week 1 in the Resource Pack) to each child. Encourage them to fill it out and bring it back next week. As children are getting picked up, try and connect with the parents and let them know the kids were challenged to tell others why they believe in Jesus this week.

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Lesson Outline	
I. INTRODUCTION <i>"Is He the Messiah?" skit.</i>	
II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS	
A. Flashcard 1-1 1. Adam and Eve chose to go against God and sin entered the world. 2. All of us are born sinners. [Romans 5:12] 3. God promised to send the Messiah.	
B. Flashcard 1-2 (Micah 5:2) 1. God spoke to prophets about the Messiah. 2. Micah 5:2 prophecy: "Born in Bethlehem." 3. All the prophecies about the Messiah were coming true in Jesus. 4. People who followed Jesus wondered if He was God's Promised One.	
C. Flashcard 1-3 (Matthew 21:1-3) On their way to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead to bring Him a donkey.	
D. Flashcard 1-4 (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-7) 1. When Jesus rode the colt, another prophecy was coming true! 2. Zechariah 9:9 prophecy: "Riding a colt."	
E. Flashcard 1-5 (Matthew 21:8-11; Luke 19:39-44) 1. People put palm branches on the road and shouted "Hosanna!" 2. They wanted Jesus to be their king and free them from the Romans. 3. Jesus is the Messiah who came to set you free from your sin. [1 John 4:14; Revelation 1:5b] 4. The religious leaders did not believe that Jesus was sent by God. 5. Jesus wept for the people He loved. 6. God showed His love by dying to save you from your sins. [Jeremiah 31:3b]	
F. Flashcard 1-6 (Isaiah 35:4-6; Matthew 21:14-17) 1. Isaiah 35:5-6a prophecy: "Healed the sick." 2. You can be confident that Jesus is the Promised One. [1 Peter 3:15b] 3. The religious leaders wanted to stop Jesus.	
III. CLIMAX (Matthew 26:1-5) The leaders would figure out a way to arrest Him. But they would have to do it when Jesus was away from the crowds who loved Him.	
IV. CONCLUSION Jesus knew more prophecies about the Messiah would come true in the days to come. Have you believed on Jesus the Messiah for yourself? [Acts 16:31]	

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.



Jesus: God Who Saves Coloring Sheet, Lesson 1