

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

BIBLE STORY

This I Promise You
Palm Sunday
John 12:9-16

MEMORY VERSE

**"In this world you will have trouble.
But be encouraged! I have won
the battle over the world."**
John 16:33b, NIV

LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that
something good can come
out of something bad**

BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember
God keeps His promises.**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

* 1. IN MY MIND'S EYE

WHAT YOU NEED: Markers, paper, clipboards

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to pair up.
- Tell kids that one will be the artist and one will be describing something to draw.
- Pass out paper, markers, and a clipboard to the artists.
- Instruct the "describing" person to imagine the coolest house, car, or robot they can possibly think of.
- Tell the artists to draw what their partner describes as best they can, without letting their partner see it.
- When the picture is finished, have them reveal it to their partner and see if it looks anything like what they were imagining.
- Switch roles and repeat.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"The people in our story today were waiting for a king for a very long time. They had a picture in their minds of what they thought the king would be like—what he would look like and what he would do. When Jesus came, He wasn't necessarily what they had imagined. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when something didn't turn out the way you imagined it would.)** When the people actually met Jesus and He wasn't what they expected, that didn't make Him any less of a king. God had promised to send a king, and **whatever happens, remember God keeps His promises.**"

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**LIVE
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APPLICATION
ACTIVITY



MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

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2. PALM PATH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Palm Leaf" Activity Pages, "Trail of Palm Leaves" Activity Page, die, masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape the "Palm Leaf" Activity Pages on the ground to form a path.
- Invite kids to line up at the start of the path.
- One at a time, they will roll a die.
- Whatever number they roll, read that instruction to them from the Activity Page.
- Have them do that action for that number of spaces to move down the path.
- When they reach a space, have kids share a promise they have made or that someone has made to them.
- Keep taking turns rolling the die and moving forward or back.
- Kids should stay on their space between rolls.
- When kids reach the end of the path, have them wait for everyone to finish before the game is over.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys have made a lot of promises, and a lot of promises have been made to you. Sometimes it can be hard to keep our promises, and sometimes the people around us don't keep theirs either. It can be hurtful when someone doesn't keep their promise. But **whatever happens, remember God keeps His promises.**"

HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

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3. PALM VERSES

WHAT YOU NEED: Green construction paper, scissors, craft sticks, tape, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct each child to trace their hand onto green construction paper and then cut it out.
- Let them write out the memory verse on their hand cutout.
- Guide kids to tape their hand onto a craft stick.
- Pair kids up and encourage them to practice the verse together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This verse reminds us that the Lord has already won the battle against the world. We don't need to worry that God won't do what He says He will, because **whatever happens, remember God keeps His promises.** Take these palms home this week and stick them in a potted plant so you can remember our verse whenever you see it."

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PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Kids' palm leaves from the "Palm Verses" activity

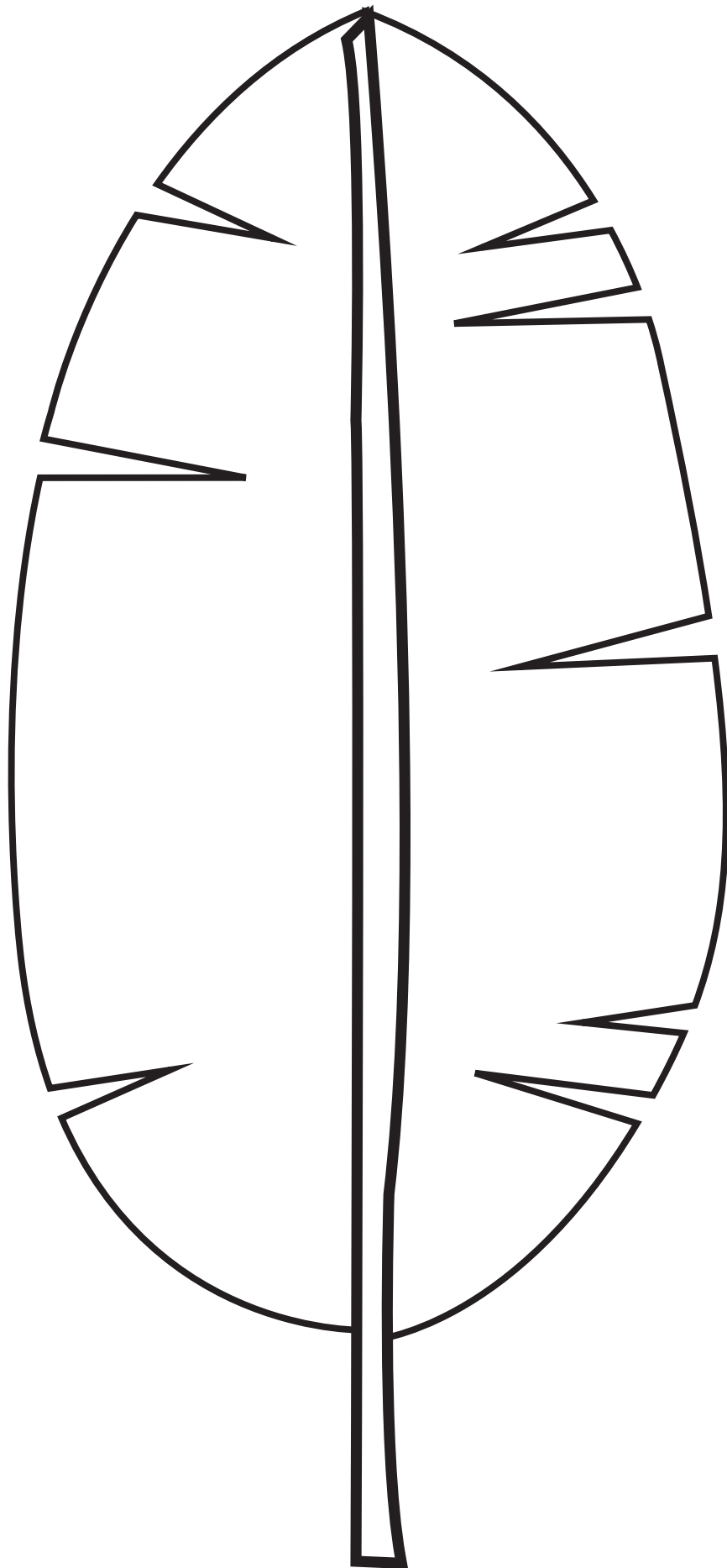
WHAT YOU DO:

- Split kids into two groups.
- Guide the groups to line up facing each other (as if they were lining the streets of a parade).
- Invite kids to wave their palm leaves as you pray together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Lord, thank You for always keeping Your promises to us. You came to Earth to show us how to live, just as You promised You would, and You left us with Your Holy Spirit to guide us. Your Word promises that You will come again one day, and we know that You will because You always keep Your promises."

As adults arrive to pick up, have kids show parents the palm leaves they made and tell them why they made palm leaves.

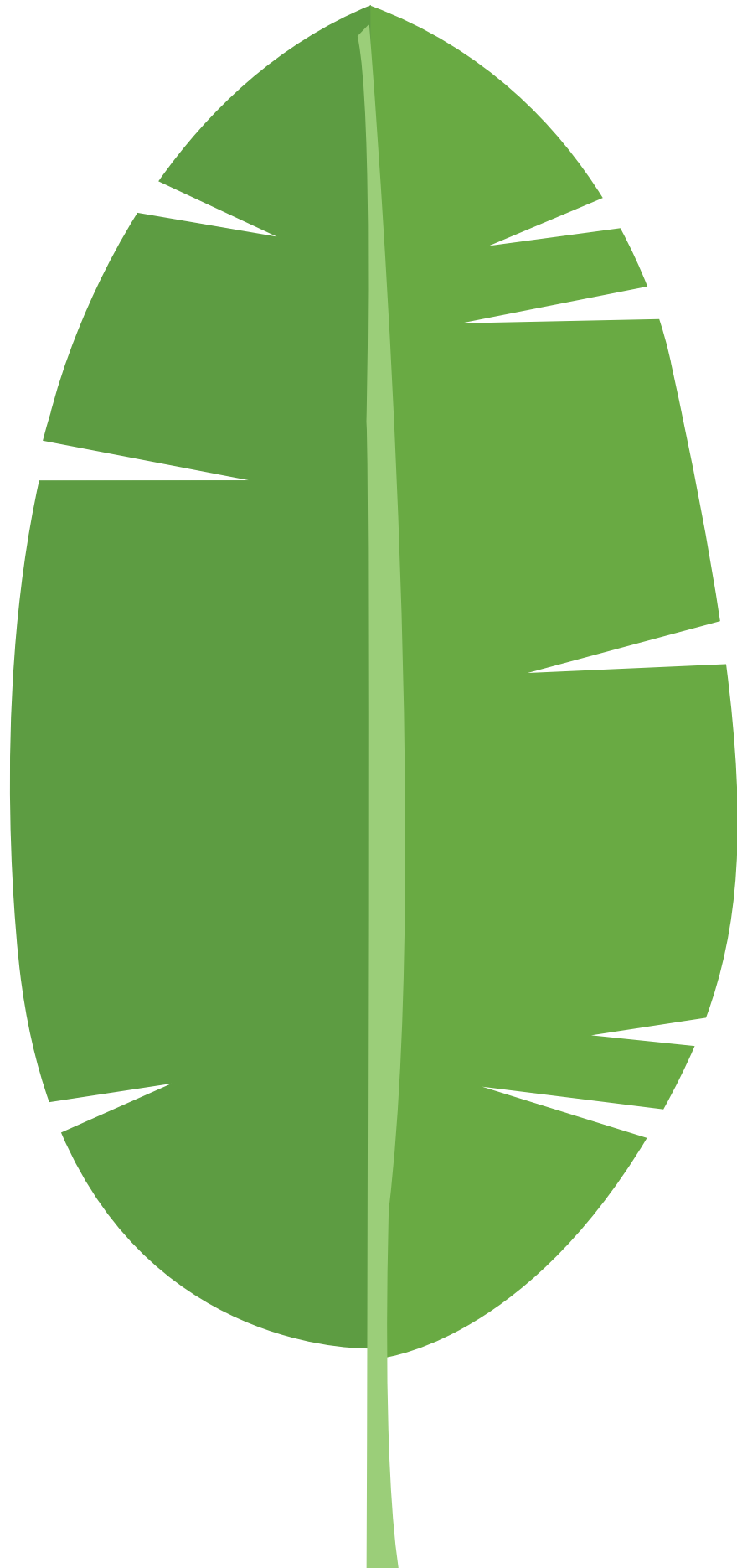


What to Do:

Print ten copies (of either the color or the black and white version) for each small group.

Palm Leaf

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Trail of Palm Leaves

1. You promised your mom you would clean your room and you did—eventually. Walk forward two spaces as slowly as possible.
2. Your neighbor promised you could go to the park with him and his son. Walk forward three spaces.
3. Your teacher promised a pizza party for your class on Friday. Hop forward one space.
4. Your babysitter promised your little sister she could have a Popsicle after dinner and she gave you one too. Go forward four spaces using tiny steps.
5. This year, for your birthday, your dad promised to get you a video game system you've been wanting. Move forward the number of spaces of your age.
6. Your soccer coach promised ice cream after the game if everyone tries their hardest. Roll again and move that number of spaces.

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