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I. SERVICE AGENDA

April 9th –Palm Sunday

PRE-SERVICE GAME (S):

1. Sharks n Minnows
2. Stations

LARGE GROUP WELCOME:

- WELCOME KIDS: Have new kids come up and say their favorite thing about EASTER.
- KIDS PRAY: Welcome Jesus
- OFFERING: Who wants more? We all want more! God said in **Luke 16:10** "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much," If you are faithful to be give your small tithe God can trust you with more money because he knows you will be generous.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: Easter is next week! Who can think of a friend that they can invite?? Who thinks they can invite more than one friend to our CK Easter Party? Times: 9am 10:30am & 12pm
- **ELEMENTARY SPECIFIC:**
 - Reward those who brought back their Take Home Challenge!
 - Devotional thought from Take Home Reading Challenge

SERIES MEMORY VERSE:

II. ONE THOUGHT MESSAGE- Get Excited!

BIBLE STORY: Matthew 21:1-17 Jesus Triumphal Entry

OBJECT LESSON:

You know that feeling when you get to unwrap all your **birthday presents**? You know you're getting them, you've been waiting and then the time finally comes. How excited are you? If you knew how good the gift of Jesus was you would get excited too!

DVD LESSON:

SEGUE:

I want to highlight a verse in our story today.

Matthew 21:8-9 "A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the Highest!"

Why was most everyone so excited? Because Jesus was the gift from God everyone was waiting for. You would also GET EXCITED if you knew how GOOD JESUS IS!

PRAY:

Jesus, help us know how amazing you truly are so that we too would GET EXCITED!

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Do you GET THAT EXCITED about Jesus? There were 2 different types of people in Matthew 21:15. Which one are you?

1. Skeptical and don't care vs Indignant Pharisees....who does he think he is?
2. Excited children vs Hosanna to the Son of David

Who do you want to be like? The skeptical Pharisees who questioned everything? *Pretend you're like Eeyore in Winnie the Pooh...act out a not very excited, skeptical kid about church, about offering, about reading the Bible, about worshipping, about listening to the lesson.* Or the children that said "Hosanna to the son of David?" *When you come to church are youact out excited about everything, church, offering, Bible, lesson, worship.*

PERSONAL EXAMPLE:

Tell about a time you got really excited. How did it affect everyone around you? It was contagious! People caught on to my excitement! Do you get excited about Jesus and is it contagious? Jesus gets excited that you're excited. **Matthew 10:32** "everyone who acknowledges me before people I, too, will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."
(Insert your own story about a time when God used you to speak to someone).

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO US: (Practical Application)

How can you GET EXCITED about Jesus? You have to know how good He is! The children knew how good Jesus was. Matthew 21: 16 they said "Hosanna son of David!" "**Hosanna**" in Greek means "Save now!" The kids knew Jesus was going to save them from something. If you knew what Jesus saved you from you would be excited too. Here's what the Bible says Jesus saved us from...

1. Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven
2. Jesus was wounded that we might be healed
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness, that we might be made righteous with His righteousness
4. Jesus tasted death for us that we might share His life
5. Jesus was made a curse that we might receive the blessing
6. Jesus endured our poverty that we might share His abundance
7. Jesus bore our shame that we might share His glory
8. Jesus endured my rejection that I might have His acceptance with the Father
9. He was cut off that we might be joined to the Lord
10. Our Old Man was put to death in Him that the New Man might come to life in us

Who's excited about Jesus now?

POINT OF DECISION:

(Filter: Holy Spirit, Salvation, Christ's exchange, Evangelism, Wait and listen to Holy Spirit)

(Ask the Holy Spirit to direct this portion. Think of your audience and use examples that would relate to them.)

1. **SALVATION:** You heard about how good Jesus is and you don't want to miss out! You can invite Jesus to be your friend and savior today.
2. **EVANGELISM:** Pray for a new revelation of how good Jesus is so that we would get excited and invite everyone to church!

When you go to your Connect Group be sure to tell your leader what God said. Be sure to tell your parents too!