

# March Toddlers | W5

Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 5

**Monthly Bible Story:** Palm Sunday. • *Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15*  
**Bible Words:** "We have seen amazing things today!" (Luke 5:26 NLT)  
**Bottom Line:** Jesus is amazing.

*The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.*

## Story Time

- Show It

## Craft Time

- Fingerprint Palm Branches



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5 min

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### What You Need

-  Preschool Bible 1
-  Scarves (only green if possible) 1

*Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!*

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with Jesus and His friends, the disciples. They were walking to the city of Jerusalem. But on this day, Jesus rode on a little donkey into Jerusalem.

"The people in Jerusalem were so excited Jesus was coming to their town. They made a special path on the road with coats and palm branches. When Jesus walked on the path, people waved palm branches in the air and shouted: 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' Let's celebrate Jesus like they did. (*Give each child a scarf.*) Wave your scarves like this. (*Demonstrate.*) 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing**, and we can celebrate Jesus like the people in our story!"

5 min

# Craft Time

*Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their grown-up.*

5 min

## Handprint Palm Branch

### What You Need

	"Handprint Palm Branch" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Green washable paint	1
	Gallon-sized resealable bags	1
	Baby wipes	Several
	Permanent marker	1

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### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Handprint Palm Branch" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Slide each child's paper into a resealable bag. Hold open the bag and add several squirts of paint to each picture. Close the bag, removing as much air as possible.

*During the Activity:* Lay the child's bag on the table in front of them. Encourage children to press their hand on the paint splotch to fill in the leaf with mess-free handprints. Remove from the bag and set aside to dry.

### What You Say:

*During the Activity:* "Today is Palm Sunday, and we're going to make our very own palm branch like the people in our story. See the green paint splotch? (*Point.*) Press your hand down on the green splotch. (*Pause.*) Press your paper a few more times. (*Pause.*) And hooray! (*Open the bag and pull out their paper.*) You just created a beautiful palm branch. I'll set it over here to dry, and you can take it home today. (*Set aside out of reach.*) Jesus was coming to Jerusalem! Everyone was so excited! The people made a path of coats and palm branches, and Jesus rode a donkey over them. Some people even waved palm branches and shouted 'Hosanna, Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' The people celebrated Jesus, and you can too because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

# Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. Scarves (only green if possible)	1

Handprint Palm Branch	Quantity
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