How to use these materials and corresponding videos:

1. Description of material included in this PDF:
   - Scripture reference – These are the passages that Hillsong used to create this lesson
   - Big Word - The memory verse below is what we are learning for this section. You can read this with your child and practice it throughout the week.
   - Intro to the Lesson – This is a reading that helps introduce the BIG message and BIG Story points for this lesson
   - Storytelling
   - Story Points – These summarize the main points of the video BIG message and BIG story
   - BIG questions & Prayer - These are questions that you can ask your children and use the information below for further discussion, and you can use the prayer provided.
   - Activity Sheets and Games – Attached to this PDF are the corresponding activity sheets for this lesson and a game idea that you can do with your child(ren) throughout the week.

2. We have uploaded the videos that go along with this lesson to our REUNIONkids Facebook page (these videos also include the videos that are a part of our Sunday kids gathering)
   - BIG Message Live - The Hillsong team presents the lesson
   - Big Message – The team at the BIG HQ present life-application lessons for children
   - Big Story – The story told using visual art
   - Big Quiz – Reinforcing the BIG Idea through an interactive question & answer time
   - Theme song – A silly song to help remember the BIG idea & points
   - BIG word - Bible memory verse segments for each BIG PICTURE, through song and dance to assist in remembering scripture
BIG PICTURE: Celebrate Easter
BIG IDEA: Palm Sunday
BIG POINT: Hosanna! King Jesus is worthy to be praised

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- Learn the story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.
- Know that Jesus is the King of Kings and worthy to be praised.
- Discover the events that led up to Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Scripture References:
Zechariah 9:9
Isaiah 9:6
Matthew 21:1-11
Philippians 2:9-11
1 Timothy 6

THE BIG WORD
“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

INTRO - WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

Today (Sunday April 5th) we’re celebrating Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday isn’t a day that we all go to Hawaii and lie on the beach under palm trees, although that does sound good. Palm Sunday is when Christians around the world celebrate when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, one week before His death and resurrection.

We read about this event in each of the four gospel books of the Bible; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We can also read about it in the Old Testament, where it was prophesied that the King would come riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Zechariah 9:9 (NIRV), “City of Zion, be full of joy! People of Jerusalem, shout! See, your king comes to you. He always does what is right. He has won the victory. He is humble and riding on a donkey. He is sitting on a donkey’s colt.” What was written about the coming Messiah thousands of years before, was fulfilled.

It was customary in those days that a king would ride into town on a white horse after a victorious battle. In times of peace, a king would ride in on a donkey. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and He is the bringer of peace. The people lined the street and laid their cloaks down covering the path where Jesus came; a sign of great honor. They sang “Hosanna to the King!” And waved palm branches as they praised Him. That’s why it’s called Palm Sunday.
STORYTELLING - STRAIGHT FROM THE DONKEY’S MOUTH

Parents: Share this story about Jesus arriving to Jerusalem on a donkey, which we now know as Palm Sunday. The story is told from the perspective of the donkey.

I was just going about my business, eating hay, you know, because it’s awesome, when this totally random guy came up to my owner and pointed to me saying, “The master has need of him.” So my owner, who has generally been good to me, put a rope around my neck and handed me over to the strangers. The strangers patted me on the head and said, “You’ve got a really important job today.” I felt pretty special to be chosen to do an important job and held my head up high and walked taller. I even felt more like a horse, than a lowly donkey. Heehaw.

After a short walk, the two strangers introduced me to their friend. Their friend placed his hands on my cheeks. His hands were warm and His smile made me feel safe and a little bit cozy. Next, He placed a cloth on my back, sat on me and His two friends led me by the rope down a path. I wondered where we were going. Hee-haw.

It was a busy time of year. The Passover festival had started and there were lots of people about, but I didn’t expect them all out on the streets. They made a lot of noise. It was a bit strange at first and my legs felt a bit wobbly, because I was a little scared. But the man that was sitting on my back, stroked my neck and said, “It’s okay, it’s as it was written.” I didn’t know what He meant, but I felt comforted by His touch.

As we got further into the crowd, some of them took off their coats and laid them in front to me to walk over. I’d never seen anything like this before, but I knew it was a sign of great respect. Other people cut off big palm tree leaves and waved the about shouting, “Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!” And others shouted, “Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord! The King of Israel!”

I didn’t know that I was carrying a king on my back. He may not have looked like a king, He didn’t have purple robes and a crown, but I could see that He was special and the crowds thought that too. Hee-haw.

When we got through the excitement of the crowds it was time for me to be taken back to my owner. The man looked me in the eyes and said, “Fair one, you have today fulfilled ancient prophecy and this fulfillment will go down in the books of history. For today, a King and Savior rode on your back.” Hee-haw.
**Story Points – (beyond the story, items to discuss)**

1. **JESUS IS KING**

Have you noticed how excited people get when they see a celebrity? When a famous person steps out of their shiny car, the flash of photographers go crazy and people cheer and scream and jump up and down. Everyone tries to get the celebrity’s attention so they can take a selfie with them.

When Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, came to the US, they had it all planned for him; he arrived on his own plane and important US leaders were there to meet him. There were hundreds of people employed to keep him safe and well looked after.

Jesus has been described as the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:6 and the King of kings in 1 Timothy 6; and when he arrived at Jerusalem His “triumphal entry” was very different to a celebrity in a limousine or Prince William’s royal visit.

Jesus didn’t arrive to the town of Jerusalem in a shiny chariot with a security team. The people of Israel were expecting a king to come in power and majesty to rescue them from the rulers of the day. Instead, their Savior rode into town on a humble donkey with no important leaders to meet Him.

Word about Jesus had spread; He was the man who had healed people from sickness, performed powerful miracles and even brought dead people to life. The crowds of everyday people gathered to see Him. He wasn’t arriving to a royal palace, but He was honored by the people who gathered. Jesus is the King of a different kind of kingdom. The Kingdom of God, a spiritual kingdom. His rule was prophesied about hundreds of years before and continues to this very day.

2. **WORSHIP HIM**

The Bible says that on that day when Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey, the city was in uproar, with people yelling and shouting. Luke 19:37-38 (NIV). “When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

They may not have known it at the time, but by worshipping Jesus that day they were actually fulfilling a prophecy that was written hundreds of years before. Matthew 21:4-5 (NLT). “This took place to fulfil the prophecy that said, “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey riding on a donkey’s colt.’”"
As the people cheered and praised God, there were some religious people who were angry. They were mad when they saw the crowds worshipping Jesus. Luke 19:39 (NIV), “Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

Jesus said to them, “I tell you,” He replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

King Jesus is so worthy to be praised that if people don’t worship Him, the rocks themselves will cry out in worship. We can worship Jesus!

3. PALM SUNDAY
That day, people in Jerusalem knew that Jesus was worthy of praise. No lack of VIP treatment could distract from the fact that He was the TRUE KING OF KINGS! Herod the Great may have been the ruler over Jerusalem at the time and the religious Pharisees and Sadducees may have been important, but Jesus would rule for all of time! The people threw their clothes and palm leaves on the ground in front of Him as a sign of honor, which is so much cooler than a celebrity red carpet.

What do Palm leaves represent? They are a symbol of victory and triumph. Even the donkey was a sign to the world as Jesus didn’t come on a warhorse ready to attack, but on a humble donkey, a symbol of peace.

What we now know as Palm Sunday started the most important sequence of events in history. In the days after this, Jesus would tell stories of what the Kingdom of God is like, He would have His last supper with the disciples and then offer His life as a sacrifice on the cross and rise again. Victory over death! He would triumph over evil and bring peace to hearts of all who believed.

Jesus is the King, but He didn’t live in a palace. He prayed for and blessed children, served others and washed the feet of the disciples. He forgives us our sins and is the King of our heart.

Jesus is the King of kings and He is worthy of our praise.
THE BIG QUESTION

1. What animal did Jesus ride as He entered Jerusalem?
A donkey! This was an important detail, because thousands of years before this happened it was prophesied that Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. This way the people knew that He really was their king. Zechariah 9:9 (NIRV), “City of Zion, be full of joy! People of Jerusalem, shout! See, your king comes to you. He always does what is right. He has won the victory. He is humble and riding on a donkey. He is sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

2. Why did the people wave palm branches?
The people were praising Jesus singing, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” The palm leaves represent victory and triumph. King Jesus is so worthy to be praised that, if people don’t worship Him, the rocks themselves will cry out in worship. We can worship Jesus!

3. How can you praise King Jesus?
We can praise King Jesus when we sing and dance and worship Him. We can praise Him as we put Him first in our lives, read His word, pray and spend time with Him. We can praise God through living a life that honors Him.

PRAYER
Dear Jesus,
We worship You our Savior and King. Thank You that You have victory over sin and death. We praise You for who You are and what You have done for us. Help us to worship You with every part of our lives as we put You first in all we do.
Amen
ACTIVITY SHEETS & GAMES

1. Activity sheets –
   - The activity sheets summary today's lesson and help your child put these items into practice. There are two sheets included, one is for younger elementary and the other is for older elementary.

2. The Big Activity (craft)
   - **Supplies needed:** Palm leaf template printed for each child onto green card paper (or color it green), scissors, green drinking straws, tape.
   - **Directions:** Give your child a palm leaf template printed onto green card paper (or color have them color it green). Help them to cut their palm leaf shape along the dotted lines. Next, they can use some tape to add a green straw as a stem for their palm leaf.
   - **Explanation:** HOSANNA! King Jesus is worthy to be praised. As the people cheered and praised God there were some religious people who were angry. They were mad when they saw the crowds worshipping Jesus. Luke 19:39 (NIV), “Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” Jesus said to them, “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”
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3. BIG WORD
   - **Supplies Needed:** Big Word Easter Egg shapes
   - Hide the egg shapes around your house and challenge your child(ren) to find all the Big Word Easter Eggs that are hidden, bring them together and arrange them in the right order of the verse.
   - Once the Big Word Easter Eggs are in the right order, children can repeat the verse together a number of times. Next, take away a few eggs each time until they can say the verse on their own.
4. Game Ideas

- **Supplies Needed:** Easter Eggs

- In pairs stand facing each other. Then toss the egg to each other. After each throw, take one step back, increasing the distance between them. If you drop the egg, then you must return to your original position. See how far you can toss the egg, without dropping it.
Palm Sunday

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

NODYEK

SUSEJ

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MAPL

GINK

SHOPWIR

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO WORSHIP JESUS?

SPOT THE 7 DIFFERENCES

BIG POINT
TODAY I LEARNT...

PARENTS!
Use these questions to kick start discussion with your children!
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DRAW YOURSELF WORSHIPPING JESUS

DOT TO DOT. FOLLOW THE NUMBERS TO FINISH THE PALM LEAF PICTURE

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John 3:16 (NIV)
BIBLE STUDY

GRAB YOUR BIBLE AND FIND A QUIET SPACE, LET’S DISCOVER WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY.


TODAY I READ: _______________________________________________________

IT WAS ALL ABOUT: ___________________________________________________

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I LEARNT THAT: _______________________________________________________

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MY PRAYER: _________________________________________________________

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PRAISE REPORT! Write something that you’re thankful to God for this week:
believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)
Palm Sunday

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Big Point
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Dot to dot. Follow the numbers to finish the palm leaf picture.

Spot the 7 differences.

Draw yourself worshipping Jesus.
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