

**Lesson #1-31*****Triumphal Entry***

Matthew 21:1-17

**Key Verse:**

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Matthew 21:9

**The Point:**

Jesus enters Jerusalem as a very different kind of King, worthy of our praise.

**Unit Theme (April 14—April 28)**

God's Greatest Promise

**Construction Cross**

*Creating a cross as part of worship.*

**Supplies:**

- › Construction paper
- › Glue
- › Pens or pencils
- › Optional: leaves, pieces of cloth

**Instructions:**

1. **As we worship during this Holy Week, we may do so alone or in small groups, silently or in tones of quiet and thoughtful reflection.**
2. **While worshipping, it is often helpful to have a point of focus, a visual reminder of the love of Jesus, such as the cross.**
3. **To help us focus our worship this week, and to bring God's glory into our room, we will be creating a cross together using pieces of construction paper.**
4. Using a large piece of blank paper or multiple pieces of plain paper taped together to provide a larger background area, lead the participants in piecing together small construction paper bits in the form of a large cross. Depending on the group's size, age, and ability level, you may choose to first draw an outline and fill it in with the construction paper bits, or to work freehand, creating a cross with no outline.
5. **Working with only one bit of construction paper at a time, choose a piece, write an original prayer or Bible verse upon it, and then glue it to the background, working together to create the shape of a large cross.**
6. When the cross is completed, tape it up on the wall and lead a short conversation about the significance of the cross and the meaning behind the prayers and verses they chose to write upon their construction paper pieces.
7. Optional: To make a stronger connection with Palm Sunday, you can use leaves (palm or other) and/or pieces of cloth instead of or in addition to construction paper. For younger participants or to save time, you can omit the prayer/Bible verse from step 5 above.