

GALATIC GLOW: SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

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CONNECT: CHECK IN / PRE SERVICE GAMES

10 MINS

THIS IS OPTIONAL, IF IT ISN'T DEEDED. PLEASE FEEL FREE NOT TO USE IT)

Pre Service Game Stations: As students are being checked in, use this time to get to know each student. Help them get comfortable in the classroom and find a friend or group to play games with. If you have enough volunteers in the room, get involved with the games. Fun builds trust with kids, so don't be afraid to have fun with them! Make sure everyone helps put away preservice games before large groups start.

GAME STATIONS

20 MINS

Live Host: Let's have our leaders come down to the front to get ready for games!

GUIDING THROUGH THE GALAXY

- **Items Needed: Blindfolds**
- **Live Host:** Alright, I need **four contestants to join me onstage (divided into two teams)**. One contestant from each team is blindfolded. The other contestants will stand on the other end of the stage and lead the blindfolded contestant towards them. The route has been made more complex, with turns and twists. The contestants must communicate verbally and listen to only the verbal commands to help find their partner. The team that wins will receive five Bible Bucks.
- *(Note for Live Host: Live Host will give commentary during the game; for example, Team One is in the lead, Team Two is catching up, etc. Make sure to encourage the non-contestants to cheer the contestants on, announce the winning team, and have everyone cheer for both teams to conclude each round)*

STAR SEARCH SCAVENGER HUNT

- **Items Needed: Glow-in-the-dark stars or space themed objects**
- **Directions:** Hide glow-in-the-dark stars or space-themed objects around the room and on stage. Provide verbal clues that lead to each hidden object.
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the next game shout YES! If you are ready for the next game shout Star Search Scavenger Hunt! **I need four contestants to join me onstage.** Each contestant's goal is to find the missing stars around the room. I will shout out clues to help you find each hidden star. Make sure you work together as a team. Each star you find represents how Jesus' light shines into our lives. The team that finds the most stars will receive three Bible Bucks.
- *(Note to Live Host: Add commentary during the game. For example, the team has found 2 stars.) Encourage non-contestants to cheer for contestants.*

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

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GALACTIC CHARADES

- **Items Needed: Charades Cards**
- **Live Host:** We want everyone in the room to participate in this next game. I will need one contestant to come to the front and pick out one card. You will act out the action on the card. Then the audience will try to guess what you are acting out. Once the audience guesses correctly, I will need a new contestant to come up and act out the next action on the card.

FLOW: WELCOME, FIRST-TIME VISITORS, WORSHIP & OFFERING

25 MINS

Live Host: We want to welcome our first-time visitors in a big way! If this is your first time visiting with us, we are so excited that you are here! So why don't we do this? Let's have everyone stand and clap out as we welcome our guests and get ready for worship.

INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

Live Host: Hey there, Galactic Glowers—are you ready? I can't hear you. Are you ready? Our world is full of both light and darkness and guess what? God is calling each of us to be Warriors of Light! When I say, 'Warriors of Light,' I want you to shout it back—Warriors of Light! God wants us to stand strong, shine bright, and push back the darkness with His truth and love. Now, who here is ready to be brave and be light? **(Pause for responses)** I can't hear you. Who here is ready to be brave and be light? That's what I like to hear! Let's get ready for our memory verse. **Cue memory verse video.**

LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Live Host: Hey there, everyone! How's it going today? We are SO excited to have each and every one of you here with us! This month, we have a theme that I know many of you are excited about: **Galactic Glow: Shining the Light of Jesus!** Get ready to blast off into some amazing adventures and learn how we can shine with God's love in everything we do. It is going to be a great ride—let's get started!

Key Scripture: Today, our key scripture comes to you from John 12:12-13. "The next day a great crowd in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming there. These were the people who had come to the Passover Feast. They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus. They shouted, "Praise God! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!"

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In today's lesson, we will learn that...**Jesus is Our Shining King!** Can we say that out loud together in 1...2...3...**Jesus is Our Shining King!**

LESSON VIDEO OR CAPTAIN LIGHT SKIT

2-3 MINS

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out April Week 2 of the Captain Light Skit)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Hook: Display a bright, colorful banner or light-up decoration adorned with palm leaves and a picture of Jesus.

Live Host: Have you ever seen a parade or celebration where people wave flags or leaves? Well, today we are celebrating Palm Sunday, a very special day when Jesus entered Jerusalem as a King. The people waved palm leaves to welcome Jesus. Palm leaves symbolize victory and celebration. In last week's lesson, we learned that **Jesus is the Light of the World**; today, we are going to see another amazing side of Jesus, how He came as our King to bring us hope, peace, and joy.

- **The Light Enters the World!**

Imagine you're in a magnificent spaceship soaring through a galaxy filled with twinkling stars. Out of all the sparkling lights, one glows brighter than the rest—a special light that stands out in the darkness. That bright light is like Jesus, who came into the world to be our King and Savior. For hundreds of years, God's people had longed for a King who would save them and bring hope to everyone.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everything changed—just as the prophets had promised. The Bible tells us in Zechariah 9:9, "See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey." Unlike a typical king who might arrive on a grand, powerful horse, Jesus chose to ride a humble donkey. This simple choice showed that Jesus did not come to rule by force or might. Instead, His arrival was all about love, kindness, and peace—a kingdom that shines with hope and lights up even the darkest moments.

- **The People Lit Up with Praise**

As Jesus approached, the people's hearts lit up with joy and excitement. They couldn't contain their happiness and began celebrating by waving palm branches high, laying their coats on the ground as a sign of honor, and shouting, "Hosanna!" **(CONT.)**

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This special word meant "save us" and was a way for them to express their hope and trust. The joyful celebration of the people, with their bright palm branches and excited praises, showed how deeply they longed for hope and salvation.

The Bible verse that describes this joyful moment known as Palm Sunday is **John 12:12-13**. It says, *"The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!'"*

- **We Must Continue to Praise Jesus by Being the Light**

Live Host: Now it's your turn! Everyone grab your palm leaves, and let's shout as the people did to celebrate Jesus. I am going to say John 12:13 first, then I want you to repeat after me: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" **(Repeat as many times as needed for the kids to say the verse clearly and with excitement).**

The people praised Jesus, recognizing Him as the light of the world and their Savior and King. They knew He was the one who could bring them hope and deliverance. He came to save the entire world from sin and darkness. Jesus is the light that will guide you through the toughest of times. Just open your heart to receive the light that He will bring into your life.

Their celebration, like ours, was an outpouring of love and thankfulness for who Jesus is and what He has done for all of us. Praise is much more than a set of actions that we do on one special day like Sunday; it is a heartfelt celebration that we can carry with us everywhere we go. True praise means living a life that honors Jesus through our words, our actions, and by being the light.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today? I am giving away Bible bucks! Today, we learned that **Jesus is Our Shining King!**

- **The Light Enters the World!**
- **The People Lit Up with Praise**
- **We Must Continue to Praise Jesus by Being the Light**

Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus is our shining King who brings hope, peace, and joy into our lives. Just like the people in Jerusalem celebrated by waving palm branches and praising Him, we too can celebrate Jesus every day through our words, our actions, and by being the light.

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Call to Action

Today, we learned that Jesus is Our Shining King. Just as the people praised and worshiped Him on Palm Sunday, we must praise and worship Him daily.

Our call to action this week is to write a poem, song, or short story expressing your love for Jesus or tell someone your favorite worship song.

Next Sunday, we will share in our small groups and receive some Bible Bucks!

WRAP-UP & CLOSING PRAYER

5 MINS

(If your campus begins with small groups, please ask review questions before closing prayer. If your campus ends with small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in small group))

1. What did Jesus ride on when He entered Jerusalem? **Donkey**
2. What did the people wave on Palm Sunday? **Palms**
3. What word did the people shout? **Hosanna**
4. What are some ways you can celebrate Jesus every day in your life?

Before we move to small group, let us take a moment to pray.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for coming into our world as our gentle, loving King. You brought light and hope into darkness, just as they did on Palm Sunday when the people celebrated You. We celebrate Your arrival with joyful praise. Help us remember Your humble love every day and share that love with our friends and family through our actions and words. Guide our hearts so we may shine Your light in every situation, spreading peace, kindness, and hope wherever we go. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

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SMALL GROUP OPTION TWO (for campuses that begin with small groups)

INTRO

Live Host: Good morning, everyone!! How are you all doing? How was your weekend? Anything special happen? **(receive answers)**. How was school this week? **(receive answers)**.

ICEBREAKER

1. What's your favorite thing about the stars?
2. If you could light up anything in the world, what would it be?
3. If you had a glow in the dark suit, what color would it be?
4. Why do you think Jesus called Himself the Light of the World?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Does anybody remember what we were supposed to do last week for our call to action? Wait for responses... For our call to action, we were to:

- **Be Kind** – Say something encouraging, help a friend, or include someone who feels left out.
- **Tell the Truth** – Stand up for what's right, even when it's hard.
- **Help at Home** – Show love by helping your family without being asked.
- **Pray for Someone** – Talk to Jesus and ask Him to help a friend, family member, or teacher.
- **Share Jesus' Love** – Invite someone to church, share a Bible story, or remind someone that God loves them!

Everyone who shares gets Bible Bucks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tell students we're starting prayer. Remain with eyes closed and focus attention on God. Ask for any prayer requests they would like to share. If your small group needs a little encouragement, give them categories like **family, school, or friends** to get them thinking about areas they need prayer in. After students share, lead the group in prayer, covering each prayer request using the name of each student who asks for prayer.



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S.O.A.P

S.O.A.P is a simple but helpful way to study the Bible and apply it to our own lives.

S.O.A.P stands for, **SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION AND PRAYER** and involves four simple steps.

S: SCRIPTURE

You physically write out the scripture. You'll be amazed what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O: OBSERVATION

What do you notice about the verses? What do you think the main message is? What verses, words or ideas jump out to you? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words?

A: APPLICATION

Ask God how He wants you to apply the verse to your own life. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P: PRAYER

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

LET'S S.O.A.P TOGETHER

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JOHN 12:12-13

Name:

Grade:

Date:

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SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

What does this look like in my life?

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Dear God...

SCAN ME

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

