**Kids Life Group Notes- Palm Sunday**

**Big Idea: Experience Jesus**

**Memory Verse: “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”**

**John 15:5 (NLT)**

**Guided Story Time- Jesus’ Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11)**

***Recap what we learned today with your kids.***

* What festival were the Jewish people celebrating? *Passover*
* Where were Jesus and his disciples going? *To Jerusalem to celebrate Passover*
* What did Jesus ask 2 of his disciples to bring him? *A donkey*
* What did the people cut on their way to see Jesus? *Palm branches*
* What would happen if the people stayed quiet? *The stones would burst into cheers*
* Who said Jesus would enter Jerusalem in this way? *God*

**Big Idea Application –Experience Jesus**

***These questions are designed to help kids apply the lesson to their own lives. Ask these questions to help start the conversation!***

* Jesus wants us to experience him and spend time with him! How can you experience Jesus at home?
* How can you help others experience Jesus?

**Game/Activity**

***Everyone gathered to see and experience Jesus because they were so excited and just couldn’t wait anymore!***

* **Journey to Jerusalem:** Pick a room in your house to be “Jerusalem”. Once you’ve picked a room, you must start in another room and make a path there with only clothes and pillows. Try your best to make it all the way to Jerusalem without falling off your path! If it was too easy, go back and spread them out so they’re a little farther apart and try to go faster each time you play.

***When we’re excited about something, it quickly becomes one of the most important things to us. We should be like the people of Jerusalem, ready and excited to experience Jesus every day!***

**Memory Verse**

***Read the memory verse (found at the top of the paper) together. Scripture memorization is one of the greatest tools that God gives us. When we memorize God’s word, we can apply it to our life every single day.***

* Our memory verse reminds us to remain in God and with God because without him, we can do nothing. Spending time with God only makes us better!

**Prayer**

***Before you pray with your kids, take the time to ask them for any prayer requests.***

*Dear God, thank you for who you are and for loving us. I pray over all the prayer requests and ask that you would give us your peace in this time. God, give us the boldness and courage to share your love with those around us. Amen.*