



## Holy – Lesson I

### Order of Service (Skit)

#### 1) Introduction

#### 2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hey friends! Welcome to Tree House! I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm so glad I'm here with you all today! I have a new memory verse to teach you! Do you guys want to learn it? Okay! Everybody stand up.

**“For the wages of sin is death** (left hand palm up and right hand palm down, then flip them to where left hand palm down and right hand palm up)

**but the gift** (both hands palm up level with face then push out like you're giving someone a gift)

**of God is eternal life** (both hands “L” shaped side by side with thumbs pointed up, then move both hands up near face)

**through Christ Jesus our Lord”** (right hand “L” shaped start at left shoulder then move to right hip).

**Romans 6:23**

**Let's try that one more time.** (Repeat using motions above.)

**That was great! Everyone sit back down.**

Today, we are going to learn that God is holy and why we celebrate Easter! It's not about egg hunting, candy, or bunnies. Those things are fun, but the real story of Easter is so much more exciting! So let's get started!

#### 3) Skit

Roles:  
Storyteller  
Willow

Props:  
Scarves

Storyteller: **We are getting ready to celebrate Easter. In your classes, you are learning about a special parade that happened long ago.**

Willow: **Parade! I love parades at the circus with clowns and lions and elephants. I love circus parades!**

Storyteller: **Our story isn't about a circus parade.**

Willow: **Oh, oh, oh! Then it must be like the Christmas parade! I saw marching bands and a fire truck with flashing lights and people riding horses and floats. I just love the Christmas parade!**

Storyteller: **The Christmas parade is fun but we are not talking about the Christmas parade either. It was . . .**

Willow: **The Fourth of July parade! I decorated my wagon with flags and rode in the Fourth of July parade. Some people even threw candy into the crowd. I love candy. I really wish they had thrown chocolate chip cookies because I really LOVE cookies, you know!**

Storyteller: **Yes, I have heard you love cookies, but our story isn't about a Fourth of July parade either. This parade wasn't like any parade you have ever seen before.**

Willow: **You mean no one had candy? Or rode on fancy floats? What about the parade with those**

**giant balloons or the floats made of roses?**

Storyteller: **No, this parade was not like that. It was like nothing you have ever seen. This parade was a really big deal. Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem riding a donkey.**

Willow: **A donkey?**

Storyteller: **Yes, Jesus asked some of his disciples to go ahead of him and he told them they would find a colt that had never been ridden before. He told them that if anyone asked what they were doing they should say, “The Lord needs it.”**

Willow: **Wait a minute; he wanted them to steal a donkey? That can’t be right.**

Storyteller: **Of course not, Jesus was perfect and without sin; he would not steal. When the disciples found the donkey, the owner of the donkey gladly gave it to them.**

Willow: **That is a good thing. Donkey thieves would get in a lot of trouble. What did Jesus do with the donkey?**

Storyteller: **Jesus rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem. A crowd gathered and many people knew this was a sign that Jesus was their king. The people waved palm branches and laid them on the street. They also laid their coats down like a special carpet in front of the donkey. And they shouted “Hosanna!”**

Willow: **Banana! I thought you said Jesus rode a donkey not a monkey! But I do love bananas! Bananas! Bananas! Ban . . .**

Storyteller: **No, no, no. Hosanna. It means “save us now.”**

Willow: **What a cool parade. I have never seen anything like that. That would be a great parade even if no one had bananas.**

Storyteller: **You’re right. What if all of us made a parade like that right now? Do you think all of you could help me make a parade to help us remember Jesus entering Jerusalem?**

(Lead kids in using scarves and take turns walking down the aisle in a parade. “Shout Hosanna” should play in the background.)

Storyteller: **That was a great triumphant entry! Everyone did a great job! As we are getting ready to celebrate Easter, we remember Jesus coming into Jerusalem. Let’s pray, and then we can continue to worship with our singing. Dear God, you are all powerful. You even have power over death. Thank you for all the incredible things you do. Please help us to understand and believe in you. Amen.**

## **4) Songs**

**Wow! That was a really special parade! Let’s jump up and sing songs to praise him!**

## **5) Prayer & Closing**

**Great singing, friends! Let’s sit and pray before we go. Dear God, thank you for Jesus and teaching us about the perfect life he lived. Help us to love you more every day. In Jesus’ name, amen!**

