

Getting Started

Determine when and how you'll use *All-Around Easter*. Will your *All-Around Easter* enhance an existing lesson? Be a family event? Or a citywide extravaganza? Once you've decided when you'll bring these discovery stations to life, add your event information to the customizable poster and invitation on the CD-ROM. Then print and send the invitations home with your class and display the posters around your church and community.

Whether you choose to do one station in your classroom or all the stations during a larger event, you'll print the following documents from the CD-ROM for each station.

✿ **Station Sign**

✿ **Station Leader Guide**

✿ **And since each station uses music, make a copy of the CD for each station.**

About Each Discovery Station

Each discovery station has a costumed host, a unique scene, and an interactive experience to help families explore a part of the Easter story.

Hosts

Hosts guide the kids and families through each experience. They lead meaningful discussion times, too. Be sure to recruit outgoing volunteers to be your hosts!

Scenes

Setting the scene in each station helps kids and families immerse themselves in the Easter experience. Find creative, crafty volunteers to help you decorate your stations.

Experiences

The creative experiences in each station are designed to captivate kids, engage their emotions, and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus in powerful ways. Allow ample time for kids and families to process and discuss the questions after each experience.

6 Faith Discovery Stations



Station 1

Look Who's Coming!

Bible Basis: Luke 19:28-38

Play: Track 1

"Celebration Sound Effects"

Push "Repeat" on the CD player.

Print: "Station 1: Look Who's Coming" from the *All-Around Easter* CD-ROM

Theme: Outdoor Celebration

Host: Circus Ringmaster

Costume: striped pants, suspenders, top hat, sequined jacket, megaphone

Supplies: party decorations such as balloons and streamers, old coats, green construction paper strips, wooden paint stir sticks, glue sticks, permanent markers, CD Player, Bible

Scene: Decorate this station with party decorations. Lay coats on the floor to create a path through the room or designated space. Place green construction paper strips, wooden paint stir sticks, glue sticks, and permanent markers near the station entrance.

Experience: As participants enter the station, have them tell each other things they celebrate about one another, such as good grades, talents, or accomplishments. Then have them cheer for each other.

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Afterward, ask: **How did it feel to have people celebrate you? How did it feel to celebrate others?**

Say: **The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday because people waved palm branches to celebrate Jesus and honor him as he arrived in Jerusalem. They also showed their excitement by shouting and singing.**

Have participants write things they celebrate on several strips of green paper. Then have them glue the paper strips to the paint sticks to create palm branches. Set aside to dry.

Have everyone sit along the coat path. Then read aloud Luke 19:28-38.

Ask: **Why do you think people honored Jesus by putting their coats down on the road in front of him?**

What are ways we can honor and celebrate Jesus today?

Say: **Let's try some of those ways right now to honor and celebrate Jesus.**

Lead participants in the ways they mentioned.

Then say: **Many in Jerusalem celebrated Jesus' arrival that day, but there were others who were plotting his death. As you move to the next station, wave your palm branches, shout praises to Jesus, and celebrate Easter.**