

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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Jesus' Triumphant Entry

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

STORY POINT: PEOPLE WELCOMED JESUS TO JERUSALEM AS THEIR KING.

Many Israelites had traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus and His disciples went too. When they neared Bethphage, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into a village. Jesus told them, "You will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here."

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their robes onto the donkey, and helped Jesus get on. People spread their robes along the road, and others spread palm branches cut from the fields.

"Hosanna!" the people said.

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Some religious leaders asked Jesus to tell His disciples to be quiet. Jesus answered, "If they did not praise Me, the rocks would praise Me!"

While Jesus was in the temple, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. Jesus healed them. Other religious leaders heard the children saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They were very angry and asked Jesus, "Do You hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes," Jesus told them. The writer of the Psalms had said, "You have prepared praise from the mouths of children and nursing infants." Jesus left them and went to the town of Bethany to spend the night.

Christ Connection: During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11)



Can You Find Them?

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle in the Bible story picture the items from the key.



Younger Kids Activity Pages
Easter • Session 1
Jesus' Triumphal Entry

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus traveled to Jerusalem on a young donkey, just as Scripture prophesied.
- People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.
- The religious leaders wanted people to stop praising Jesus.
- Jesus knew that He deserved their praise

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 10:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What kind of King did people expect Jesus to be?
- What kind of King is Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Do yard work together. Collect branches from bushes or trees and hold a mini-parade, waving the branches. Take turns being the “guest of honor” and walking on the branches.
- Visit a petting zoo that has donkeys. Pet a donkey. Discuss the story.



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The Lord Needs It

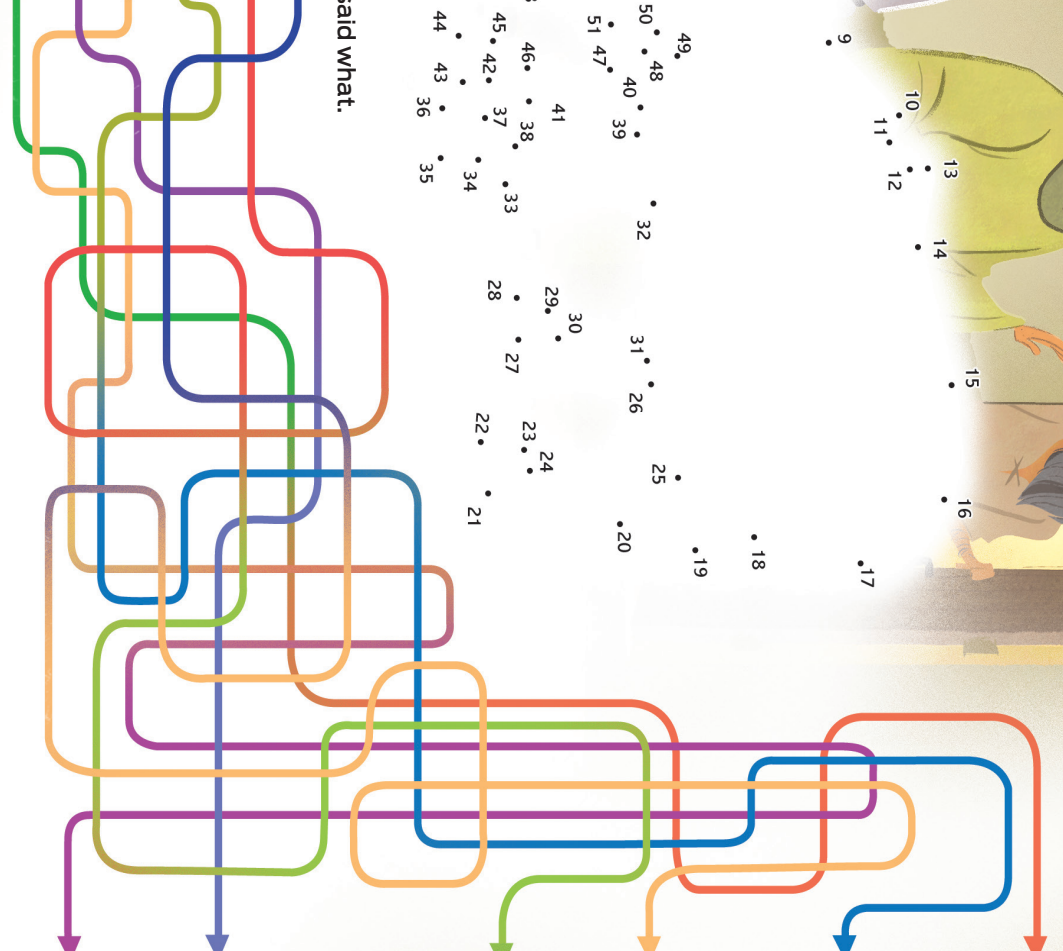
Connect the dots to discover what Jesus told His disciples to bring Him.



Who Said It?

Follow the maze to discover who said what.

- the crowd
- the religious leaders
- the children
- the prophet Zechariah
- Jesus
- Jesus' disciples



"The Lord needs it," _____ said.

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" _____ said.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" _____ said.

"Teacher, rebuke your disciples," _____ said.

"You will find a young donkey tied there," _____ said.

"Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt," _____ said.

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

There are many options here, for all age groups.
Pick and choose some fun activities that will work best for your family!

Bible & Science

Supplies: uncooked spaghetti, 1 cup of water, 2 teaspoons of baking soda, 5 teaspoons of vinegar, tall clear glass

1. Put the water and baking soda in the glass, stir until the baking soda is dissolved.
2. Break spaghetti into 1-inch pieces, put about 6 pieces into the glass (They will sink to the bottom)
3. Add 5 teaspoons of vinegar to the mixture, observe what happens to the pieces of spaghetti (it should rise to the top, keep adding vinegar until it does)

Question Here: What happened to the spaghetti? Did they rise to the top?

Our praise for Jesus should be like the spaghetti! Rising to the top! We need to let our praises and thanks for all that Jesus has done be shown to the world. In our experiment the spaghetti eventually sank back to the bottom. We don't want our praise and thanks to do that.

"My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long." Psalm 71:8

A CLOAK PATH - GAME

The goal of this game is for the group to try and move on person on their team from one side of the room to the other. You will need at least three players.

1. One person will be Jesus (they are trying to get to Jerusalem (the other side of the room))
2. The other two people each have a hand towel. They will lay their towel down in front of Jesus.
3. As each towel is walked on, it will be picked up and placed in front of Jesus a little further down the room. Do this until you get to the end.

*For additional fun you can add obstacles to move around, or time two teams to see who can do it faster. Remember Jesus can only touch the towels.

What did people lay on the road for Jesus and the donkey to walk over? Why did they do this?



HAVE A PARADE

Find or make yourselves some instruments and have a parade throughout your house. Don't forget to sing "Hosanna". Bonus points if you take the parade outside to your neighbors

What do you think it would've been like to see Jesus walk through the city?



DIY - PALM BRANCHES

1. Outline your child's hand on green construction paper 6-10 times. (or white paper they will color green)
2. Cut out the hand print outlines.
3. Stick the outlines two on each row and build upwards.
4. Add popsicle sticks to the back

DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.

1. What did Jesus ride on?
2. How did the people praise Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem?
3. Why did the people praise Jesus?
4. What can we do today, to celebrate Jesus?

UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. Have you ever attended or participated in a parade in someone's honor? Who was honored and why?
2. How can we make people feel welcome at school, our homes, or church? What did the people do to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem? Why did they welcome Jesus like that?
3. What does Hosanna mean?
4. Why is it important that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey?
5. How can we welcome Jesus into our lives?
6. How will Jesus' second coming be different from his first? How will it be the same?