

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?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What kind of King did people expect Jesus to be?
- What kind of King is Jesus?
- How can we welcome Jesus into our own lives?

Jesus' Triumphal 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!"

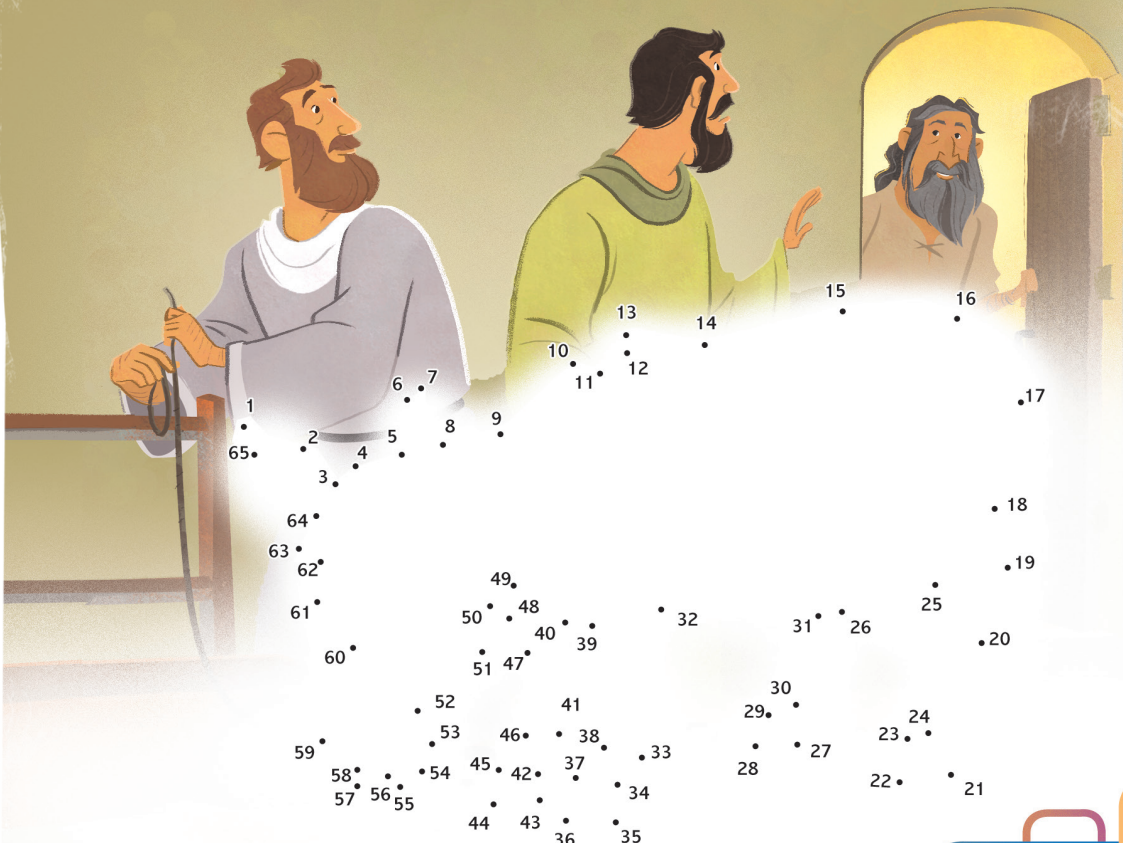
While Jesus was in the temple, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. Jesus healed them. Other religious leaders heard the children saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They were very angry and asked Jesus, "Do You hear what these children are saying?"

"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)



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The Lord Needs It

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

“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.

Who Said It?

Follow the maze to discover who said what.

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN for US

The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use these prompts to share the gospel with your kids.



GOD RULES. Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Read Revelation 4:11.



WE SINNED. Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read Romans 3:23.



GOD PROVIDED. Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Read John 3:16.



JESUS GIVES. Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.



WE RESPOND. Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10.