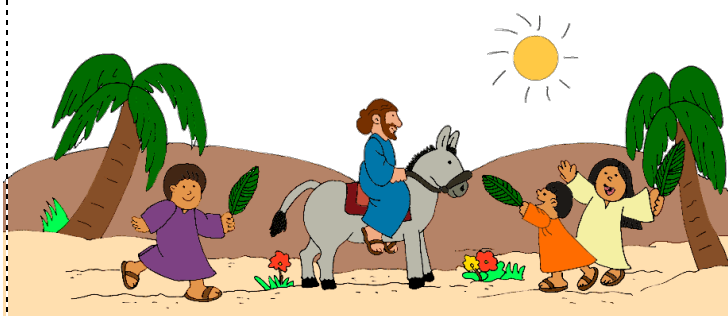




## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was Jesus teaching people as He travelled?
- What did Jesus send two of His closest followers to do?
- Why do you think Jesus decided to ride a donkey (instead of a horse)?
- What did the crowd put on the road as Jesus passed them? What did they shout? Why did they do these things?
- If you were among the crowds, how would you have shown your joy when you saw Jesus?
- What did the religious leaders say about the crowd? What did Jesus tell them?
- Why did Jesus cry?
- Why did Jesus become angry when He entered the place of worship in Jerusalem?
- What are some different ways that you can worship Jesus?
- What does it mean to welcome Jesus as King?

## SUGGESTED PARENT/CHILD ACTIVITIES

As you discuss the story with your children, allow them to imagine how Jesus felt – especially knowing that this is the last week of His life on earth. Jesus knows that by riding the donkey into Jerusalem with people openly praising Him, the religious leaders will become angry and begin to plan His death. Jesus did it anyway ... because of His love for you!

As you discuss the story, you can help your children make "palm" branches.

Use the following supplies: coloured paper, a stick, wool or raffia, glue or tape and scissors. Your children can trace their hands (or yours) on the coloured paper. Cut out your hand/palm prints. Tape or glue them to the stick. Tie wool or raffia near the bottom of the stick for decoration. Retell the story while your children act it out using their palm branches!



### Dear Parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned today at church. Included are suggested discussion questions and possible activities that you may use to reinforce the Bible story at home. Please ask your child to share today's story with you. You may be surprised at how much he or she remembers!

### TODAY'S STORY: TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Jesus knows that it is now time for Him to head towards Jerusalem, the capital city. The religious leaders are becoming more upset about all Jesus is saying – especially how people are responding to Him and His message about God's Kingdom. Jesus is about to enter Jerusalem as a King, and this begins the fulfilment of many of God's promises and His ultimate plan to bring people back to a right relationship with Him.

Today your child learned about the miraculous way Jesus obtained the donkey that He rode during His last entry into Jerusalem. Jesus accepts the people's praise as King, and He cries over the people that don't accept who He is and the New Kingdom that He has been teaching them about. Then Jesus becomes angry when He enters the temple and sees the people that are not using it as a place of worship and prayer. Jesus continues teaching people everyday, but the religious leaders begin planning how to kill Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 19:30-48

### FOCUS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

"I welcome Jesus as my King."

### NEXT WEEK'S STORY: JESUS WASHES FEET

(Luke 22:1-6;

John 13:1-29; 14:26-27; 15:14-17; 16:14; 18:1)

### PRAYER:

Jesus, teach me to know what it means to welcome You into my life as King. Thank you for loving me and calling me a friend.

## A DONKEY FOR JESUS

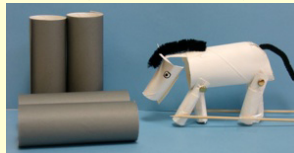
As you help your child make a donkey for Jesus, talk about why He might have chosen one that had never been ridden. In fact, why ride a donkey at all?

### What you'll need:

- ~ 4 toilet paper tubes
- ~ Scissors
- ~ 4 split pins
- ~ Craft eyes
- ~ Black marker
- ~ Grey paper or paint
- ~ Glue and/or tape
- ~ Pipe cleaners (or wool)
- ~ 2 craft sticks (or card paper)

### Instructions:

1. Glue grey paper to 4 toilet paper tubes (or paint them grey).



2. Following the directions below, you will cut the toilet paper tubes in these shapes. Two tubes will each need to be cut in half for the legs.



3. **Head:** Cut one tube for the head (shown above). The narrow strip between the ears gives a bobble-head effect. Roll the head portion into a tighter roll, cut off the excess and tape shut (shown below).



4. **Body:** Cut the back end of the body (shown above). For a tail, poke a hole and add a pipe cleaner into the hole. Poke holes for all four legs.



5. **Legs:** Cut the remaining two tubes. (Cut from one open end to the other. Then cut each roll in half the other direction.) Cut a tab at the top of each leg and poke a hole in it. Roll each leg tight and

fasten with tape. Fasten all 4 legs to the body with split pins, and make sure they can move back and forth. Glue or tape shut the back of the body. Use black marker on the feet.

6. **Finish the head:** Slide the head into the body. Glue a thick pipe cleaner onto the neck and head for the mane. Add googly/craft eyes.

7. **Make the donkey walk:** Tape the feet to two craft sticks (or strips of card paper). When you move the craft sticks back and forth, the donkey will "walk."



## THE BACKUP CHOIR

"As [Jesus] was coming close to Jerusalem ... the whole crowd of followers began joyfully shouting praise to God for all the miracles they had seen. They said, 'God bless the King who comes in the name of the Lord! There is peace in heaven and glory to God!' Some of the [religious leaders] in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Tell your followers not to say these things.' But Jesus answered, 'I tell you, if my followers didn't say these things, then the stones would cry out.'" ~ Luke 19:37-40, NCV

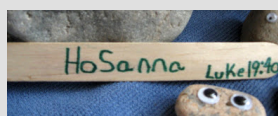
Help your children make a "backup choir" for Jesus. Use this as a reminder to praise Jesus everyday!



### What you'll need:

- ~ Stones of varying sizes
- ~ Craft eyes
- ~ Craft sticks
- ~ Markers
- ~ Glue

### Instructions:



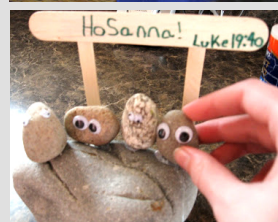
1. Write a praise to Jesus on a craft stick.



2. Glue two craft sticks to your "praise" stick. Then glue the craft sticks to a large stone.



3. Glue craft eyes on the smaller stones. (Optional: Use a permanent marker instead of craft eyes.)



4. Glue the smaller stones (with eyes) onto a larger stone.