



Preschool
“The Gospel Project”
Jesus Triumphal Entry
Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Unit Key Passage: “*He must increase, but I must decrease.*” John 3:30 (CSB)

Bible Passage: Matthew 21:1-17 ; Mark 11:1-11 ; Luke 19:28-44 ; John 12:12-19

Main Point: People welcomed Jesus as their King.

Big Picture Question: *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*

1 Getting Started

9:30-10:00

A team member will stand at the door and be sure that the children are signed in while the other team members will engage the children as they enter the class. Be sure that you are asking to see the parent's security tags and making sure that the number is written on the sign in sheet and on the child's name tag. Greet new parents and introduce visitors.

All Team Members: Make sure you have a name tag on! Welcome and introduce kids to one another.

2 Create the Story

10:00-10:15

Activity: “The Road to Calvary”

Supplies: “The Road to Calvary” activity page, crayons/markers

Directions: Invite preschoolers to complete the maze to get Jesus to the hill called Calvary.

Say: In today's Bible story, Jesus and His friends were traveling to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. As Jesus came to Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered. The crowd laid their robes on the road. They cut palm branches from trees and laid those on the road, too.

3 Worship & Main Session Teaching

10:15-10:45

Supplies:

- ❖ Bible story pictures- (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
 - Jesus' Baptism
 - Jesus' Triumphal Entry
- ❖ Other templates-
 - Key passage: John 3:30
 - Main Point: People welcomed Jesus as their King.
 - Big Picture Question/Answer: *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*
- ❖ “The Gospel Project” DVD Lesson: “Jesus’ Triumphal Entry”

Review:

- Say: Who remembers what we've been learning about recently? Can anyone remember any of those stories? (*Take a few answers and then, review these stories below with pictures*):
 - Last week, we learned how Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John baptized Jesus.

Today's story:

- Say: Give each preschooler a green strip of paper as they enter the preschool worship room. Have them sit down, and wave the green strip of paper in the air.
In today's Bible story, people laid down robes and branches on the road as they shouted praises to Jesus. Let's listen to the story.
- Play the DVD video story. (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- Christ Connection: People welcomed Jesus as their King. (*Show the Main Point template*). The children were correct when they said, “The king is here!” (*Show the picture of the Jesus’ Triumphal Entry*). Jesus is the King who rescues His people from sin. One day, Jesus will come back, riding on a white horse as King over everything.
- Big picture question: Listen to our big picture question and answer. *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.* People are sinners. We deserve to be punished for our sin, but Jesus came to earth and obeyed God perfectly. He took the punishment we deserve for our sin.
- Review key passage: (*Show key passage template*) “He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30 (CSB)

Restroom Break Schedule (Preschool Coordinator will assist you)

4 Snack & Life Group

10:45-11:00

IMPORTANT!!!! Please check each child for a yellow allergy sticker along with referring to the sign-in sheet to be properly informed on children who may have food and other allergies.

Snack: Cheerios & bananas

As the children enjoy their snack, discuss these Life Group questions with them.

Life Group Questions:

- What did Jesus ask two of His friends to bring to Him? (A donkey and her colt)
- What did the people lay on the road in front of Jesus? (Their robes and palm branches)
- What does the word hosanna mean? (Save now)
- What did Jesus say would cry out if people didn't praise Him? (The Rocks)
- **Main Point: People welcomed Jesus as their King.**
- **Big Picture Question:** *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*
- **Review the Key Verse below with the kids:** "*He must increase, but I must decrease.*" *John 3:30 (CSB)*

5 Craft

11:00-11:15

Craft #1: Donkey Puppets

Supplies: Donkey printable, craft sticks, tape, glue, brown yarn, and markers/crayons

Directions: Before the session, print and cut a donkey printable. Provide the preschoolers with the donkey printable and markers/crayons to color. Preschoolers can also glue pieces of brown yarn for the donkey's mane and tail. Assist preschoolers in taping their donkey onto a craft stick.

Say: Today, in our Bible story, Jesus and His friends were going to Jerusalem. Before they entered the city, Jesus sent two of His friends ahead of Him to find a a donkey and her colt. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and the people worshipped Him. The **people welcomed Jesus as their King.**

Craft #2: “Jesus’ Triumphal Entry” color page

Supplies: “Jesus’ Triumphal Entry” color page, crayons/markers

Directions: Allow preschoolers to color their picture from today’s story.

Say: Jesus came riding on a donkey, just as the prophet Zechariah said He would. The people were so happy to see Jesus, they laid their robes on the road in front of Him. **People welcomed Jesus as their King.** One day, Jesus will come back, riding on a white horse as King over everything.

6 Games/Activities

11:15-11:30

OPTION #1: March in a praise parade

Supplies: Streamers, and/or artificial palm branches

Directions: Play some praise and worship music. Provide the children with colorful streamers, and/or artificial palm branches. Invite children to wave them around, sing and dance around the room to the music. You can also do freeze dancing. Instruct the preschoolers to freeze, whenever you stop the music.

Say: The people were happy to see Jesus, but the religious leaders did not like that the **people welcomed Jesus as their King.** They asked Jesus to tell the people to be quiet, Jesus said, “If they didn’t praise Me, the rocks would cry out!” When Jesus comes back as King over everything, everyone will praise Him!”

OPTION #2: Make dramatic entrances

Supplies: None

Directions: Invite preschoolers to form two single-file rows a few feet apart, facing each other. Two Team Members should stand side by side as the front of the lines. Choose a preschooler to stand behind the Team Members. The Team Members will regularly call out, “Welcome (Child’s Name)!” And step apart. The preschooler will choose to walk, or dance, through the path of children and join one end of a line. The first child in the line he joined will go next.

Say: Was it fun to be announced as you walked through the line of friends? In today’s Bible story, Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem was exciting. Crowds of people laid their robes or palm branches they cut from the trees on the road in front of Jesus as He rode a donkey. People shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One—the King of Israel!”

7 Closing Activity

11:30-11:45

Closing Activity- Journal page

Supplies: Journal page, crayons/markers

Directions: Offer the journal page and invite preschoolers to draw a picture of happy people. Remind preschoolers that the **people welcomed Jesus as their king.**

Pray: God, thank You that Jesus came to earth to rescue us from sin just as You said He would. Help us to turn from our sin and trust in Him. We look forward to the day when Jesus returns as King over everything. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE KING'S KIDS TODAY

Main Session Teaching: (Use if DVD is not available)

It was the time of year that the Israelites celebrated Passover. Many Israelites had traveled to Jerusalem to remember what God had done when He rescued His people from slavery in Egypt.

Jesus and His friends also traveled to Jerusalem. He sent two of them ahead to a village. Jesus said, “Go into the village ahead of you. There you will find a donkey and her colt tied up. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you should say that the Lord needs them.”

The friends did what Jesus said. They put their robes on the donkey and the colt, and Jesus sat on them. As Jesus came to Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered. The crowd laid their robes on the road (*Show the picture of Jesus' Triumphal Entry*). They cut palm branches from trees and laid those on the road, too. The crowds walked ahead of Jesus, and those who followed Him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One—the King of Israel! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” The word hosanna means “Save now!” People welcomed Jesus as their King (*Show the Main Point template*).

The religious teachers didn’t like it. They asked Jesus to tell His friends to be quiet. “If they didn’t praise Me,” Jesus said, “the rocks would cry out!”

When Jesus went into Jerusalem, people asked, “Who is this?” The crowds replied, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!” They were only half right. Jesus wasn’t just a prophet of God—He is God’s Son!

Jesus went to the temple and made the people who were selling things there leave. While Jesus was at the temple area, people who could not see and people who could not walk came to Him. Jesus healed them.

The priests and the scribes at the temple heard children shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” The priests and scribes asked Jesus, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” The children were saying, “The King is here! The king is here!”

Jesus said, “Yes. Even the children will praise Me.” Then Jesus left and went to spend the night in the town of Bethany.