

Large Group

People Welcomed Jesus as King

Bible Passage: Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 18:15

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus the perfect Prophet?

Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father and fulfills what the prophets spoke.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Let's look back at some of the prophets God used to speak to His people and tell them about the coming Messiah. [Point to the stories on the timeline as you review.] Moses was a prophet God used to give His people hope that a greater prophet would one day come. God spoke through Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel and told His people that the Messiah would save people from their sins. God wanted His people to trust Him and remember that a perfect Prophet and King was coming to die for the sins of the world.

In our story today, we will learn that the people had been waiting for the Messiah. They had hoped a King would come and save them. Let's learn how the people welcomed Jesus as King.

Today's Lesson

God's promise about a Messiah riding on a donkey came true when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The people laid down palm branches and cloaks while praising Jesus. What word did the people shout? [Allow responses.] Yes, the people shouted 'hosanna!' They thought Jesus had come to save them from the Romans who ruled over them. But what did Jesus actually come to save them from? [Allow responses.] Jesus came to save everyone who believes in Him from sin!

Who didn't welcome Jesus? [Allow responses.] The religious leaders were angry that people were praising Jesus. They did not believe Jesus is the promised King. But Jesus deserves all praise because He is God, and He alone can save us from sin.

Jesus is the Savior God promised. He came to follow God's plan to die for sin. We can look forward to the day when Jesus will come again, not as King on a donkey, but as King on a white horse.

Christ Connection | Jesus is 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.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Luke 19:28-40

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.