

# Large Group

## The Triumphal Entry

Bible Passage: Matthew 21

Memory Verse: John 11:25

**Big Picture Question:** What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.



### 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: NOTE - We are jumping ahead and it would be helpful to point this out to the kids.

In the very beginning of time, God created the earth, everything on earth, and the whole universe. God created people in His image and loved them more than the rest of His creation. Sadly, Adam and Eve, the first humans, chose to disobey God. Their sin brought sadness, pain, and death into the world. However, God had a plan all along. He sent His Son. Jesus was born as a human baby and grew into a man. He never sinned and traveled around Israel teaching about God and God's kingdom. Jesus performed miracles and even raised people from the dead! As Jesus grew more popular with the regular people living in Israel, He grew more hated by the religious leaders. They wanted to kill Him! That's where our story picks up.

## Today's Lesson

Most of the people living in Israel during Jesus' life would have been pretty familiar with the prophecies contained in the Scriptures. When Jesus came in on a young donkey, the **people welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King**—the one God had promised years before. The problem was they only understood part of the truth. They expected Jesus to be an earthly king, setting up an earthly kingdom.

The Roman Empire had conquered the area that included the land of Israel. The people were living under Roman rulers who did not love God or honor Him. The people who worshiped Jesus and said "Hosanna" thought Jesus would defeat the Romans, kick them back to Rome, and give the promised land back to God's people. But Jesus came to be an even better kind of King.

Jesus' kingdom is a heavenly kingdom, and He is our heavenly King. **What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.** Sin and death were defeated. Everyone who has faith in Jesus is forgiven and made new. When Jesus returns, He will set up His eternal kingdom where we will live forever with God.

**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

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Matthew 21:1-13

## 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.