



TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 19:28-40 & JOHN 12:12-19

The STORY

Read about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in Luke 19:28-40. This account of the triumphal entry does not include the detail of the palms found in John 12:12-19.

John's account also explains that the people were so excited because they had heard about the resurrection of Lazarus. Crowds of people eagerly came to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Look for a picture Bible to accent the story or tell it with the felt board while you read the text. Use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- How did the disciples get the colt for Jesus to ride on? (Jesus instructed them to go into a village where they would find a colt.)
- What is unusual about the way they found it? (Jesus demonstrates His divine knowledge because He knows in advance where the colt will be and that the owners of the colt will object at first to the disciples taking it.)
- The disciples are instructed by Jesus to tell the colt's owners, "The Lord has need of it." What does the word Lord mean? (Lord refers to the king of the universe and implies divinity and supreme authority.)
The Greek word Kyrios translated Lord is the same word used to translate the Old Testament name of God, Yahweh. There is no need to share all this detail with the children, but they should understand Lord to be a name implying divinity and supreme authority.
- Why did the owners of the colt allow the disciples to take the colt when they heard that the Lord has need of it? (The disciples said to the owners, "The creator of the universe has need of it." God allowed the owners to believe this and gratefully let them have the colt.)

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CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Jesus coming into Jerusalem on a colt. Engage the children by asking:

- Why did the Pharisees want Jesus to correct His disciples? (The disciples were calling Jesus blessed and calling Him a king and saying that He was from God. The Pharisees thought their praise was wrong and that Jesus should tell them to stop.)
- What did Jesus say to them? (Jesus said, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.")
- What did Jesus mean when He said the stones would cry out? (Nature would praise Jesus if the people were not praising Him. Jesus wanted to tell the Pharisees that He was worthy of praise and that the people were right in giving Him such an amazing welcome. The praise and honor for Jesus was planned by God.)

SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Why were the people so excited to see Jesus come to Jerusalem? (The people had heard about the great wonder of Lazarus' being raised from the dead and were probably hoping Jesus would do greater wonders. Some may have wanted to make Him king and hoped He would overthrow the Roman rule.)
- What did the people do to pay honor to Jesus? (They laid palm branches and cloaks on the ground for Him to walk on. They called Him king and shouted Hosanna!)
- What did the Pharisees think of Jesus? (They were jealous of Jesus and the amount of attention He was receiving. They said, "Look, the world has gone after him.")



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WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Even as Jesus is riding into Jerusalem, He is aware that the very people that are celebrating His arrival will in a few days put Him to death.

Jesus would soon die for the sins of men by suffering on the cross. It is true that Jesus is coming to be king, but not an earthly king with an earthly kingdom. He is coming as a heavenly king for a spiritual kingdom. That is why He said if the people did not cry out the very stones would cry out.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

