

SUNDAY FUNDAY

OCTOBER 4 , 2020
JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

GAME TIME

BUILD A BLOCK ROAD

Tape two parallel lines on the floor. Invite children to set blocks along the lines to create a road. Guide children to line up people figures along the road to create a crowd. You can even make a surrounding village with Legos or Magna-tiles.

SAY: People had heard about Jesus and wanted to see Him. A crowd gathered along the road when they heard He was coming. People welcomed Jesus as their King. One day, Jesus will come back, riding on a white horse as King over everything.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus' Triumphal Entry - Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

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 disciples 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 disciples 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. 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!"

The religious teachers didn't like it. They asked Jesus to tell His disciples 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

GUESS THE WORD

Lead the kids in a guess-the-word game using key words from today's Bible story. (hosanna, triumphal, Jesus, Jerusalem, king, donkey, Messiah, Roman, temple)

Draw a blank for each letter of the word on a piece of paper. Call on kids one at a time to guess a letter. If a player guesses a letter in the word, he can guess another. If a player guesses a letter that does not appear in the word, his turn is over and play passes to the next kid.

The player who completes the word is the winner.

SAY: The words in this game give you a few hints about the Bible story we'll talk about today. Do you have a guess of what the story is? Today we are going to begin learning about the last week of Jesus' life.



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 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.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He showed that He has power over death. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. Those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him.