

People Praise Jesus, Their King

This story is based on Matthew 21:1-11.

Step, step. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. Step, step. He asked two of His helpers to get a donkey for Him to ride.

Jesus' helpers brought a little donkey back to Jesus. Then they put their coats on the donkey's back for Jesus to sit on. Clippity clop. The donkey took Jesus down the road to the big city.

Other people were going to the city too. They saw Jesus riding on the donkey. They remembered how Jesus helped people. They wanted to show Jesus that He was their King.

Some people threw their coats on the road for Jesus to ride over. Some people waved palms to show their love for Jesus. They shouted, "Hosanna! to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

The people were happy to praise Jesus. Jesus was happy too. He loves everyone, and He loves to hear us praise Him.

Palm Sunday

Family Time

Use these activities throughout the week to review the Bible lesson as a whole family or individually with your child.

Creative Corner

Give your child small rectangles, a piece of construction paper, and a glue stick. She can use the rectangles to make a palm branch. You could write one way to praise Jesus, our King, on each rectangle.

Joyful Noise

Sing praise songs when you and your child are doing household chores. Sing old favorites such as "Praise Him, All Ye Little Children." Then let your preschooler sing songs from Sunday school. Clap together as you make up a song of praise.

Play Time

Invite friends over and have a praise parade. Before the parade, talk about different ways that they can praise Jesus, their King, during the parade. Take turns leading your parade inside and outside.

Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.

In God's Book

Use fabric scraps, toy people, and a toy donkey to retell the Bible story. Together praise Jesus, our King, at the appropriate times in the story.

Let's Pray

Use your prayer time to praise Jesus for who He is and what He does. Before you pray, ask questions and talk about who Jesus is (our friend, helper, Savior) and what He does (loves and forgives us, helps and cares for us) that we can thank and praise Him for. Then pray together.

LESSON FOCUS:

We can praise Jesus, our King!

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

"I am with you always." Matthew 28:20

