

# Jesus Enters Jerusalem

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 21:1-11 or Luke 19:28-44

**STORY OVERVIEW:** Jesus sent two disciples into the village to find a donkey. They were to untie it and bring it to Him. If anyone questioned them, they were to say that the Lord needed them (the donkey and her colt). They brought them to Him and placed their cloaks on the colt so Jesus could ride the colt into town. Large crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road before Him. And the people shouted “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”

**TEACHING TRUTHS:** Jesus is God’s plan to rescue the world from sin.  
Jesus is the Savior whom God promised.

**MEMORY VERSE:** But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

**MEMORY VERSE SONG:** Romans 5:8

*(You can find the link to the song on the Watermark Kids Kit page)*

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**ACTIVITY 1: BIBLE TIME**

1. Read “The True King” (p. 427-432) to your children from The Beginner’s Bible. Pray a short, simple prayer thanking **God for Jesus, God’s plan to rescue the world from sin.**
2. Use the questions below to review the story with the children.
  1. Where did Jesus and His disciples travel to for the Passover Feast?
  2. What animal did Jesus ride through Jerusalem?
  3. What did the crowd wave at Jesus as He passed by?
  4. The leaders were not happy to see the crowds following Jesus. Why?
  5. What do you think God wants us to learn from this story? (Let the kids answer and then bring them back to today’s Teaching Truths.)
3. Finish this time by having the children repeat today’s Teaching Truths with you:
  - **Jesus is God’s plan to rescue the world from sin.**
  - **Jesus is the Savior whom God promised.**

**MATERIALS:**

- Lesson
- The Beginner’s Bible  
*(If you don’t have a Beginners Bible, you can read the story from Matthew 21:1-11 or Luke 19:28-44)*

**ACTIVITY 2: STORY – Palm Branch Parade**

1. Show your children how to wave their hands like palm branches. Explain to them that the people waved palm branches as Jesus walked by them on the street.
2. Tell them that the people also shouted “Hosanna in the Highest!” as Jesus passed by.
3. Have the children wave their hands slowly, quickly, quietly, fast, up and down etc.
4. Take a walk around the house or outside as if you are at a parade and wave the “branches” along the way.
5. Have the children say, “**Hosanna in the Highest!**” while on parade.
6. Remind them that **Jesus was the Savior whom God promised!**

**MATERIALS:**

- None

**ACTIVITY 3: TEACHING TRUTH - Jesus is God's plan to rescue the world from sin**

1. Set up an obstacle course around the house using various household items like a step stool, a chair, pillows, stuffed animals, etc.
2. God had a plan to rescue the world from sin and the plan is Jesus.
3. Lead your children through the obstacle course doing actions like go around the chair, step over the stool, weave through the pillows, jump over the stuffed animals, etc.
4. As they finish the obstacle course, tell the kids to yell "Jesus is God's plan!" because **Jesus is God's plan to rescue the world from sin.**
5. Children can take turns leading the family through the obstacle course, too.

**MATERIALS:**

- Optional Items for obstacle course:
  - Step stool
  - Chair
  - Pillows
  - Stuffed animals

**ACTIVITY 4: MEMORY VERSE – Romans 5:8 – Hot Potato**

**"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."**

1. As a family, sit in a circle on the ground.
2. Tell them they are going to sing along with the memory verse song.
3. Carefully pass the ball around the circle while the music is playing.
4. When the verse is over, stop the music.
5. Whoever has the ball will stand up and lead the family in shouting the verse address.
6. Repeat as many times as desired.

**MATERIALS:**

- Ball
- Memory Verse Song  
*(song link can be found on the Kids Kit page)*