



The Donkey and the King

The triumphal entry

Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:16-19; Luke 19:36-40



Review and Discussion:

Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- ★ **What did Jesus tell two of His disciples to find?** (a donkey)
- ★ **Why did people put cloaks and palm branches on the road before Jesus?** (to honor Him)
- ★ **What did Jesus say would happen even if the people stopped shouting?** (the stones would still praise Him)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Jesus is the King that God promised would come. When Jesus rode in on the donkey, He was showing the people who He was. They honored Him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!"



Explore God's Big Story:

Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

Where Jesus is, God is. Jesus brings God's power. He fulfilled promises that God had made to His people, too. This proves that Jesus is the King of Israel, the promised Savior!



Memory Verse:

"Tell *(cup hands around your mouth)* the people of Jerusalem, 'Look *(place hand over your brow and look around)*, your King *(pretend to place a crown on your head)* is coming to you. He is humble *(fold hands together on chest and bow your head)*, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt *(pretend to hold a rope with both hands)*.'"
Matthew 21:5 (NLT)



Talk to God:

Dear God,
You are a faithful God. You keep Your promises. Thank You for sending Jesus! By Your love and power, help me to keep my promise to obey and follow You.
Amen.

