

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 13

Riding into Jerusalem

Lesson Aim: To understand that as Lord, Jesus will always be praised.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite way to praise God?

GAME: Palm Branch Limbo

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: Mark 11:8-9.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS RODE INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

The news of this miracle must have spread quickly. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowd gathered to give Jesus the highest praise. Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 19:28-40. Pray. Read.

THE WAY THE LORD WILL ALWAYS BE PRAISED

What did Jesus ask two of His disciples to do? (Find the donkey's colt, and bring it to Him.) What did Jesus tell them to say if anyone asked what they were doing? ("The Lord needs it.") What did the colt's owner do? (Gave them the colt.) Riding into Jerusalem on the colt was the way Jesus chose to build His kingdom. Because the owner trusted and obeyed, he had a part in building God's kingdom.

The donkey would have been important to its owner. What would you say if Jesus asked you to give Him something that was very important to you? Even if we do not understand why Jesus wants us to do something, it is important for us to trust and obey Jesus, as the owner did. We can help build God's kingdom, too!

What did the crowd do as Jesus rode into town on the donkey? (Lay their cloaks in the road, praised Him with palm branches.) In loud voices,

the crowd praised God for all the miracles they had seen. We have seen many miracles in the Bible stories we have read. We have also seen God do miracles in our world. Imagine we are seated along the sides of a street in Jerusalem. Let's praise God for miracles we have seen in the Bible and in our world today. Children face each other in two parallel lines. Encourage them to name the miracles they remember.

After seeing His miracles, many people in the crowd knew Jesus had been sent by the Lord God to save them in some way. The word "Hosanna" means "save." The crowd shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Some people in the crowd (Pharisees) told Jesus to rebuke His disciples by telling them to be quiet. What did Jesus say would happen if His disciples had to stop praising Him? ("The stones will cry out.")

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God will always be praised and the truth about Him will always be told. If people are unable to tell it, then God will tell it through His creation. Over 1,300 years before Jesus explained the stones would cry out, Joshua showed the people a stone that would be a witness to the covenant promise they made with the Lord. Let's read about it together. Reveal Joshua 24:25-27. Read.

Where did Joshua set the stone? (Near the Holy Place.) The stone would be a witness of the promise the people made with the Lord. This means the stone was a reminder of that promise. Each time they saw the stone, the people would think about whether or not they had been true to their promise. Today's Treasure Treat is a stone, reminding you to praise the Lord and to be true to Him.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Stone
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: People praising Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Praise Rocks

GAME: Pin the Tail on the Donkey **CRAFT:** Praise Rocks Instruments

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs,

Bible Memory Verse Bop
BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW