



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 13

The Triumphal Entry

Lesson Aim: To understand the deeper meaning behind Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best thing you've seen in a parade?

GAME: Are You the King?

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 7:9-10

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY

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

Review: Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet as worship.

Today, we will check out how and why King Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Point to the town of Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 19:30-32, 35-36; John 12:13-16; Luke 19:41-42. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 19:41-42. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS KNEW, OBEYED, LOVED, AND SAVED

Even though Jesus knew everything that would happen to Him, He chose to ride into Jerusalem so that He could save us.

BODY MOVERS: HE KNEW/HE OBEYED/HE LOVED/HE SAVED

HE KNEW Snap their fingers 3 times.

HE OBEYED Shout "YES!"

HE LOVED Stomp their feet until you hand signal stop.

HE SAVED Raise both hands and shout Hallelujah!

How did Jesus' instructions to His followers about the donkey show HE KNEW the future? (He already knew the colt was tied up.)

HE KNEW the owners would give the colt. **HE KNEW** it was the right time to come to Jerusalem. **HE KNEW** when He entered the city there were only a few days until He would die on the cross. **How was riding into the city a picture of how HE OBEYED?** (He chose to do what God had sent Him to do.)

Why do you think Jesus wept for the people? HE KNEW how hard life would be for anyone who refused to believe in Him. **HE LOVED** the people – even those who did not believe in Him! **How do you feel when someone you love doesn't believe in Jesus?**

What does "Hosanna" mean? ("Save!" or "Here comes the Savior!") They thought He would save them from the Roman government but what was He actually coming to save the people from? He **SAVED** all who believed in Him from the punishment for sin. **HE SAVED** them from life forever without God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

To see proof Jesus already knew what would happen that day, check out what the Lord said through Zechariah nearly 500 years earlier. Reveal Zechariah 9:9 Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Why do you think Jesus rode in on a donkey instead of a warrior's stallion or a king's chariot? Jesus was coming to bring peace between God and man. What was Jesus' main mission in Jerusalem that week? (To die on the cross for us and be raised from the dead.) **How do you think the praises of the crowd might have strengthened Him for His mission?**

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Praise Catcher
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #13
- OFFERING OF ART: People praising Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Palms of Praise

GAME: Rhythm Praises

CRAFT: Praise Catchers

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Tag, Heart Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW