



**Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 13**

The Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:28-42

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Sir Praisealot is a brave knight and the Captain of the Castle Guard. He praises God all the time. His weakness is that his pride sometimes gets in the way. Prince Lovesalot is a young prince who is simply overflowing with love for all people and all of God's creation. He wants the whole world to know the love of the King. For fun, add a rural country accent.

Plot: Sir Praisealot tells Prince Lovesalot about when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and was greeted by the people. We learn that Jesus knew that He would face His own death but He obeyed God and went anyway.

Costumes: tunics, beard, boots, chain mail.

Props: Sword, stick horse, Bible, rose petals

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as The Lord of the Rings, or Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom, Iron Lore, Prepare for Battle, Rain of Fire -: 80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Trumpet fanfare
4. Song clip: "All You Need is Love"
5. Song clip: "Close to You"
6. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
3. Scripture Slide: As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42
4. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover: (VFX: Video intro)

In ancient days noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, the King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures!

Sir Praisealot (SFX: fanfare horn; horse galloping) **Tally ho, tally ho! Stay Shadow! Good boy! Hello children, it is I, Sir Praisealot, praise God! As you know, we should give all of our worship to Jesus because He is our King! And I am proud to say that I have taken all of the extra time I used to spend polishing my medal and given that time to Jesus. I spend that time reading His Word and praying and talking to Him. I feel so much closer to Him. Indeed I have become a Holy Knight. (SFX: "All You Need is Love") Children, you know what that music means? My cousin, Prince Lovesalot is approaching. Let us give him the royal welcome! Put your hands in the air, and wave them back and forth from over here to over there. Welcome Prince Loves-a-lot!**

Lovesalot (enters tossing rose petals)
Hello, you beautiful creatures! You look lovely...etc

Praisealot
Hello again, dear cousin!

Lovesalot
Hello cousin and hello to all of you beautiful people! I just love God's Kingdom. You always give me such a wonderful greeting!

Praisealot
And you always make such a triumphal entrance.

Lovesalot
That reminds me, do you know who else made a triumphal entry?

Praisealot
Justin Beiber?

Lovesalot
No! Silly cousin! It was Jesus! Oh kids, I must tell you this story.

Praisealot
I shall get the Bible! (Opens stained glass window and removes Bible.) (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords")

Lovesalot
Ah, so full of music and love! Now kids, in this report Jesus and His followers were on their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast.

Praisealot
Oh yes, Passover is a special holiday when God's people celebrate how God saved them from Egypt's king – the Pharaoh.

Lovesalot
Jesus told His disciples to go find a young donkey so they borrowed one for Him to ride.

Praisealot
If I were there I would surely have let Him borrow my horse, Shadow!

Lovesalot
Yes cousin, because you know who He is. The people knew of His powerful miracles and so when they heard He was coming, they spread their coats on the road and waved palms in the air. The Bible says "*a whole crowd...began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!' "*

Praisealot
They praised the King who loves!

Lovesalot

Yes, but there were some who did not love Jesus. They were called Pharisees! They told Jesus to order His followers to stop the praises.

Praisealot

Did Jesus say, "Don't be a hater?"

Lovesalot

No, He said, "...if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out!"

Praisealot

Yes, Jesus must be praised, praise God! If we don't praise Him, the rocks, the trees, even the birds will praise Him! (SFX: Close to You)

Both (Singing)

Why do birds suddenly appear, every time you are near? Just like me, they long to be, close to you! (Fade music) Wa-ahah, close to you.

Lovesalot (SFX: Scripture slide)

Oh, I love that one! Let's read on! The Bible says: *As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."*

Praisealot

But I thought this was a happy occasion. Why was Jesus crying?

Lovesalot

Jesus cried because He knew the future. He knew that many people in Jerusalem would not believe in Him as their Savior. So He cried for them because they would not have forever life with God.

Praisealot

Yes, that is sad. What a noble love Jesus had, choosing to ride into the very city where He would die for us. No wonder we praise Him.

Lovesalot

Right you are! It isn't a mushy kind of love. Jesus loved with a noble and strong love. He proved that when He gave His life for us. (with motions) He knew, yet He obeyed, He loved, He saved.

Praisealot

I like that! Can I do that?

Lovesalot

Why don't we all learn it? Stand up, kids. "HE KNEW." Point to your head for Jesus knew He would give His life. "HE OBEYED," bow like the servant King for He obeyed and rode into Jerusalem. "HE LOVED." Touch your heart for Jesus loved us enough to give His life. Lastly spread your arms to make a cross for He died on it when "HE SAVED" us from our sins.

Praisealot (with motions)

He knew, He obeyed, He loved, He saved!

Lovesalot

Once again!

Both

He knew, He obeyed, He loved, He saved.

Praisealot

What a joy it is to serve the King who loves! After all...

Both

Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing side)

Praisealot

Come, cousin, let us go greet the King! (Exit)