



3RD - 5TH



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

How would you prepare for a visit from someone very important like a president or a king? Would you tidy up your room or prepare a special meal?



CAPTURE THE CROWN

Start by 9:20/10:45

Form kids into two teams. Place a crown made from cardstock in the center of the room. Assign kids on each team their own number, making sure both teams have a kid with each number. Line up teams on either side of the crown. Then call out a number such as “3” and challenge the two kids assigned the number three to capture the crown. The kid who captures the crown and brings it back to their team earns a point. Repeat as time allows and declare the team with the most points as the winner.

Today, we will learn how the people welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King. They thought Jesus had come to be an earthly king who would defeat Roman rule. However, we'll see that Jesus came for much more than physical rescue. We'll see that Jesus is the eternal King who rescues people from sin and death.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Guide kids to open their Bibles to John 12. **The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books contain stories from Jesus' life and ministry and were written by men who were either disciples of Jesus, like Matthew and John, or people who interviewed eyewitnesses of Jesus' life and miracles, like Luke and Mark.** Read aloud John 12:17-18.

- **According to these verses, who did Jesus raise from the dead?** Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
- **How did people hear about Jesus' miracle?** The people who had witnessed this miracle told others about it and many followed Him. They followed Him because of His miracles, not because they trusted in Him as their Savior.
- **Who is the true king?** Jesus is the true King who is worthy of our worship and praise because of who He is—not because we think He has the power to give us what we want in this world. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, He gives us something greater than our earthly desires: He gives us Himself.



DISCUSSION

- **What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and trusting in Him as Savior?** The people of Jerusalem knew about Jesus and all the miracles He performed throughout His ministry, but they didn't know Him for who He truly was: the Savior of the world. We can know all about Jesus, go to church, and even read the Bible, but still not have a relationship with Jesus. When we trust in Jesus as Savior, we are saved from sin and made right with God. (Option: Read John 1:10-13.)
- **How can we make Jesus the King of our lives?** Once we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we also choose to let Him be the Lord of our lives. This means we follow where He leads and obey what He teaches us. Instead of trying to be in charge of everything ourselves, we trust God to guide us. We want to live in a way that honors Him and brings Him glory. (Option: Read Galatians 2:20.)
- **Why is it important for believers to share Jesus with others?** The result of sin is eternal punishment in hell. Jesus shared the good news about God's kingdom and called people to repent, which means turning away from sin and turning to God. When we choose to follow Jesus, we are also called to share the gospel with others. The only way people can be saved is by trusting in Jesus. If we never tell them the good news, how will they hear about Him? (Option: Read Romans 10:14-15.)



STREAMER TOSS

Form kids into a large circle. Distribute a rolled-up streamer to two kids. Tell kids with the streamer to shout "Hosanna!" hold on to the end piece of the streamer, and toss the streamer to another kid in the circle. Then those kids who catch the streamer will do the same, except they will hold on to a piece of the streamer (not the end). Continue until both streamers have been completely unraveled. Then invite kids to help clean up the streamers.

Streamers remind me of a party. When the people welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King, they were having a big celebration. The people praised Jesus by shouting 'Hosanna' and laid down palm branches. Although the people didn't truly understand how Jesus came to save them from their sin, we can see the big picture. Jesus came to be your King and Savior. And we can praise Him for saving people from their sin.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.