



K - 2ND



CONNECT TIME

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

Have you ever thrown a party for a friend or a relative? What was it like? What made it fun or special?



KING OR QUEEN FOR A DAY

Start by 9:20/10:45

Invite kids to sit in a circle and give a paper crown to a kid. Play music and instruct kids to pass the crown around the circle. When the music stops, the kid holding the crown is the "king" or "queen." Direct him to place the crown on his head. He will then say, "**If I were king for a day, I would [insert response].**" Kids may choose to say something like "give everyone free ice cream for a year" or "play as many video games as I want." Continue the game as time allows, trying to help each kid have a turn.

Would it be fun to be king or queen for a day? [Allow responses.] **Today, we will learn how the people welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King. But the people's idea of what a king should do or be was different than the type of king Jesus is. Jesus is a servant king, who came to lay down His life to save people from their sins. We'll see that Jesus is the King who rescues people from sin and death.**

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Pass out Bibles and open to Matthew. **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.** Read Matthew 21:1-5.

- **What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?** Jesus rode a donkey.
- **Who said Jesus would ride on donkey into Jerusalem long before Jesus was born?** The prophet Zechariah recorded these words hundreds of years before Jesus was born.
- **What does Jesus save us from when we trust in Him?** Jesus saves us from our sin.



DISCUSSION

- **How is Jesus the true King?** Jesus is the King over everything. He made the whole world, and He is God who came to live with us. Jesus is the greatest King because He perfectly obeyed God and followed God's plan to save people from their sin. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior and choose to follow Him, we are showing that He is the true King of our lives.
- **Why do you think some people reject Jesus?** The religious leaders, or Pharisees, in Jesus' day rejected Jesus because they feared losing control over the religious practices of the people. People want to believe they are good on their own. Some people don't want to admit their need for a Savior and follow Jesus as King.
- **How do we worship Jesus today?** The people praised Jesus by shouting "Hosanna!" and laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road for Him. They wanted to honor Jesus as King. We can worship Jesus too. We worship Him when we sing songs to Him, treat others with kindness, and obey our parents or the adults who lead us. When we show that we love Jesus more than our own wants, we are worshiping Him. Anything we do to honor God and bring Him glory is worship.



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.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.