



THE TRUE KING



Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-42; John 12:12-19

Jesus and His disciples went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus told two disciples to bring Him a donkey. He told them were to find it.

Jesus rode the donkey to Jerusalem. A big crowd welcomed Him. People waved palm branches and put them on the road in front of Jesus. The shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the king of Israel!"

The leaders in Jerusalem did not like Jesus. They saw how many people were following Him, and they were angry about it. They were jealous.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet with review,
TABLE #2 - Create a city
Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy up the room and meet in the story time area. NAME ANIMALS PEOPLE RIDE - Encourage preschoolers to list animals people can ride. Help them think of animals which may be unfamiliar to them such as camels, elephants, ostriches, donkeys and even large tortoises. Review the responses one at a time and pretend you are riding that animal. **You named several different animals! As I read the list, let's pretend we are riding each one of these animals. Did you know Jesus rode a donkey? In the Bible, a prophet wrote about a special King who would ride a donkey. Jesus was the special King!**



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Beginner's Bible story book, page 427; or 2) Play the story video on the TV

Hosanna! Praise God!



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the March 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Assist preschoolers with learning the key passage.

John 12:12
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!



ACTIVITIES

CREATE A CITY

- Encourage interested preschoolers to create a city with the building blocks and wooden blocks. Comment that houses and buildings in Jerusalem, where Jesus lived, were often made of rock or bricks made of mud and straw.
- Have preschoolers add the fabric strips and 'palm branches' to the road and walk the donkey through the streets of their city.
- **Jesus rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. Many people gathered to welcome Him to the city. The people welcomed Jesus as their King. They laid their coats and palm branches onto the road to create a path for Jesus to follow into the city.**

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KINETIC SAND MAT

- Allow interested preschoolers to create palm branches or crosses using the laminated mats.
- **Jesus, God's Son, was born in Bethlehem. When He grew up, He began to tell people about God's kingdom. One day, Jesus rode on a donkey toward Jerusalem. People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King. They laid palm branches down as a sign of victory.**



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.