



IDC KIDS

Mar 29, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

MATTHEW 21; MARK 11; LUKE 19; JOHN 12

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus wanted the people to believe that He is the King and Savior of the world. God wants all people to turn away from their sin, trust in Jesus, and receive life with God forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save us.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

John 3:16

STORY POINT:

People welcomed Jesus as their King.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY	One, two, three, what do you see? [Lift up the blanket or towel covering the picture.] Do you see Jesus in the picture? What is He riding? (a donkey) Listen closely as we hear about the time Jesus rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem
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2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

STORY SCRIPT

Jesus and His disciples were walking to the city of Jerusalem. Crowds were gathering there to celebrate the Passover. **Jesus asked two of His followers to go ahead to one of the villages and find a young donkey. Jesus told them, "Untie the donkey and bring it to me.** If someone asks why, just say, "The Lord needs it."

This was all happening because a long time ago, the **prophet** Zechariah **wrote that this would happen**, saying: "See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Jesus made these words come true!

Jesus' followers went and found the donkey, just like Jesus said they would. **They brought the donkey and its colt to Jesus**, and they put some of their clothes on its back. **A large crowd of people came and put their coats and palm branches on the road for Jesus to walk on. Everyone was happy and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!"**

As Jesus got closer to the city, He felt sad. Jesus cried. He knew that because the people didn't understand who He really was, something bad would happen to the city.. **The religious leaders saw how everyone loved Jesus, and they were worried they couldn't stop it. They said, "Everyone is following Jesus!"**

Story Telling Tips

- **Lay it down:** Invite kids to sit on fabric pieces and large leaves on the floor during the story.
- **Draw the story:** Draw stick figures on a dry erase board as you tell the story to represent Jesus, His disciples, and the donkey. Draw leaves and coats on the path and add crowds of people celebrating.

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. 1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made Jesus happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. What did Jesus ride on as He entered Jerusalem? (a donkey)
- d. How did the people feel when they saw Jesus coming down the road? (Many were excited, but some did not like all the cheering.)
- e. Who is the King and Savior of the world? (Jesus)
- f. **Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save us.**

SAY	Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem for a special celebration. A large crowd of people gathered along the road to see Jesus. The people welcomed Jesus as their king by shouting 'Hosanna' and putting their coats and palm branches on the road for Jesus to walk on. Some people did not like the cheering—these people did not know who Jesus was. Jesus wanted the people to believe that He is the King and Savior of the world.
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save us. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people were excited to see Him. They cheered, shouted, and laid their coats and palm branches on the road for Him. Why do you think the people were excited to see Jesus? [Allow responses.] The people had heard about the amazing things Jesus had done. God sent Jesus to earth to live a perfect life, die on a cross, and come back to life to save people from their sin.
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **John 3:16**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

SAY	God really loves you and me. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Whoever believes and trusts in Jesus will have life with God forever.
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **God Loved the World**

6. PRAY

SAY	God, help us celebrate Jesus by trusting in Him and repenting of our sins. Thank you for sending Jesus as our Savior and King. Amen.
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. PLAY A BRAYING GAME

Hide the “Jesus on a Donkey” printable in the room in a visible location. Select a child to find the picture. Make the braying sound of a donkey to lead the child to the picture. If the child is close to the donkey, make a louder sound. If the child is farther away, make a quieter braying sound. Continue to play as time allows, hiding the donkey in a different location each time.

SAY	Jesus asked two of His followers to find a donkey for Him to ride into Jerusalem. Jesus' followers brought the donkey to Him. A large crowd of people gathered along the road where Jesus was coming. They put their coats and palm branches on the road for Jesus to walk on. They cheered and shouted for them. People welcomed Jesus as their King.
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.