

# Welcome to Kids Corner!

Sunday, March 24, 2024

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Mark 11:1-11; 15:16-39; 16:1-8

### Key Verse:

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!  
Mark 11:10

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way [Jesus] breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"  
Mark 15:39

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."  
Mark 16:6

### The Point:

We can celebrate Jesus, the crucified and risen king.

### Making Connections:

God's Triumph

### Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Understanding Culture and Customs

### Spiritual Practice:

Worship



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# BACKGROUND

## Making Connections

Last week, we read Mark's warning of the need to stay faithful and be prepared for times of difficulty to come. This extended lesson covers the stories of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, ending in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

## Story Summary:

### *Holy Week & Easter*

Jesus, the Messiah, rides into Jerusalem on a colt as people shout "Hosanna!" Later that week, this Messiah is led out to his death. He is crucified and mocked. He cries out to God and then dies. The temple curtain is torn. A centurion declares that Jesus was God's Son. It appears that our Messiah has failed.

However, three days later, several women go to Jesus' tomb and discover the tomb is empty. A young man tells them that Jesus has been raised and that they should go tell his disciples to meet him in Galilee. Out of fear and amazement, the women run away. They go but tell no one. So, we wonder, how did the news get out if they did not tell? How do *we* tell this story?

## The Point

**We can celebrate Jesus, the crucified and risen king.** If one were to stage today's reading as a stage drama, there would be a scene change between the two segments. Energy, props, and lighting would change. The atmosphere would

change. The final part of today's reading brings us from Holy Week, through the passion story, and into the resurrection. From the fulfillment of prophecy and frenzied crowds, to the sorrow of death, and finally the amazing resurrection, we shift our minds as we journey through this story.

## Bible Nuts & Bolts:

### *Understanding Culture and Customs*

The books of the Bible were written in specific time periods in specific cultures. The writers of the Bible wrote for an audience that shared their knowledge of the culture and customs of the day. We live nearly 2,000 years after the New Testament was written. It is important to try to understand the Bible in its original context to better understand its message.

## Spiritual Practice: Worship

Our stories in this extended lesson range from the excitement of the triumphal entry, to the heartbreak of the crucifixion, to the amazement of the resurrection. The disciples are experiencing emotions of every type. We often feel the same during times of worship, and do not know where to begin. Should we be raising praise? Or asking for guidance? Or are we buried in sorrow?



# Puzzle Sheet

Jesus travelled into Jerusalem on a colt – a baby donkey. Can you match these adult animals to their babies? The first one has been done for you.

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|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| <b>cat</b>      | ..... | <b>calf</b>    |
| <b>horse</b>    | ..... | <b>joey</b>    |
| <b>dog</b>      | ..... | <b>piglet</b>  |
| <b>lion</b>     | ..... | <b>kitten</b>  |
| <b>sheep</b>    | ..... | <b>tadpole</b> |
| <b>pig</b>      | ..... | <b>cub</b>     |
| <b>kangaroo</b> | ..... | <b>lamb</b>    |
| <b>cow</b>      | ..... | <b>foal</b>    |
| <b>frog</b>     | ..... | <b>puppy</b>   |



Can you fit the words below into the grid? CLUE: If you are struggling begin with the shortest word.


- Jesus
- donkey
- crowd
- Hosanna
- Jerusalem
- palm
- Passover

How many palm leaves can you count on the page?

Answer: There are eleven palm leaves on the page

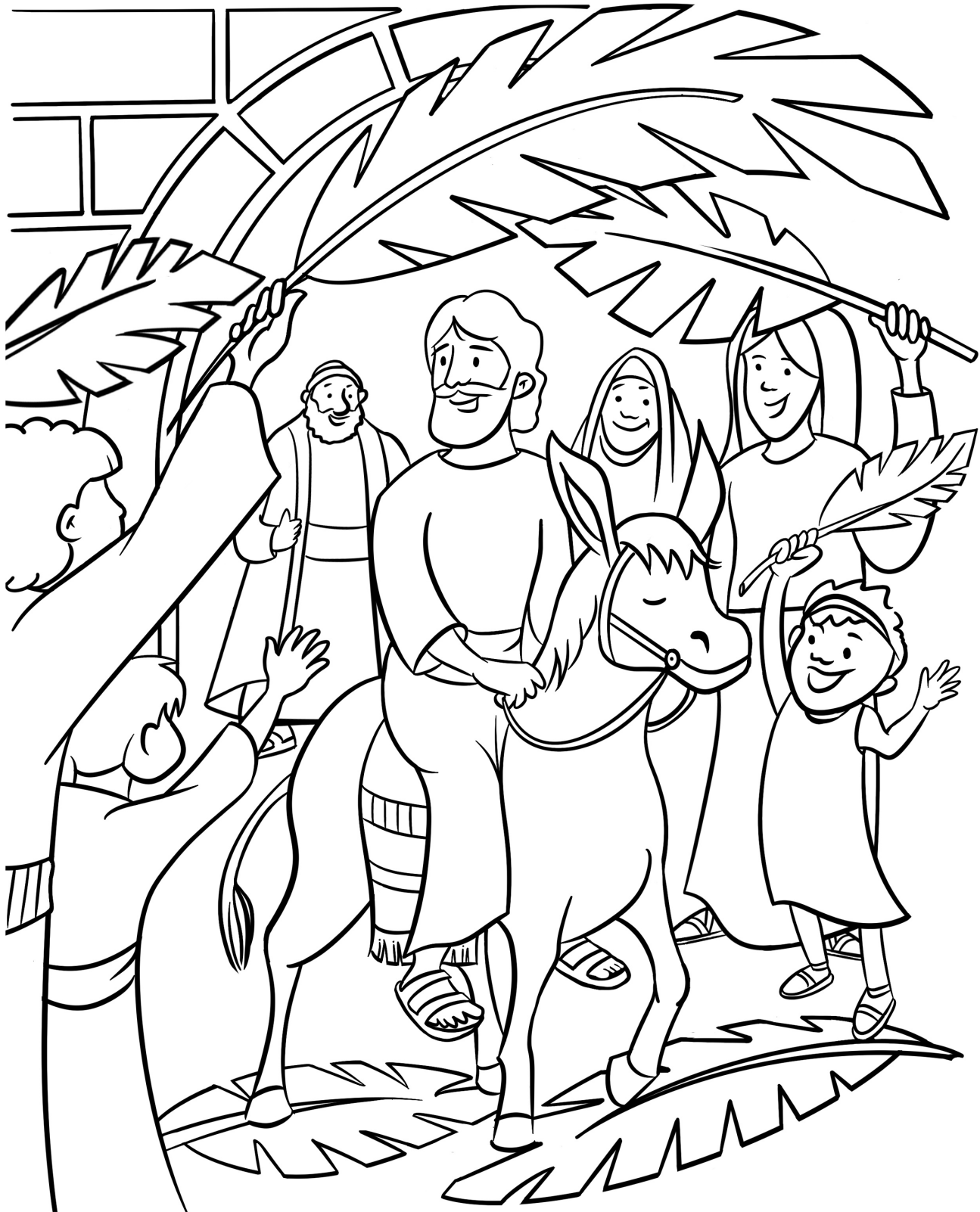
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# M IS FOR MESSIAH

*Learn what Messiah means.*





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They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



# THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Mark 11:1-11; 15:16-39; 16:1-8

## LAST WEEK

As Jesus draws nearer to the end of his earthly ministry, his teachings become more direct and strongly worded. He warns about both the destruction of the temple and the Day of the Lord (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37).

## THIS WEEK

This week, the lectionary flowed backwards to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as well as forward to his death and resurrection (Mark 11:1-11; 15:16-39; 16:1-8).

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## NEXT WEEK

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit and go to the ends of the world to be witnesses. Jesus ascends into heaven and the disciples return to Jerusalem (Acts 1:1-14).

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## PRACTICE: WORSHIP

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## Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ In what way does this text teach about the theme of God's Triumph?
- ✝ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

## Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

### Week 1:

#### Sunday—Read Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9

Triumphal entry and anointing.

Sing or say "Ho-ho-ho-Hosanna" and raise your hands in praise of Jesus today!

#### Monday—Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Open your hand to the impoverished.

Ask each other what good things they have done or will do this week for others in the family or community.

#### Tuesday—Read Mark 14:10-21

Passover preparations.

Prepare a meal together as you read this story.

#### Wednesday—Read Mark 14:22-31

The Last Supper.

Look online for images of the Last Supper.

#### Thursday—Read Mark 14:32-42

Prayer in Gethsemane.

Go off by yourself to pray.

#### Friday—Read Mark 15:16-39

The death of Jesus.

Place a cross in the center of your worship area as you read this passage.

#### Saturday—Read Mark 15:40-47

The burial of Jesus.

Use blocks or stones to create a tomb. Leave it in place overnight.

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### Week 2:

#### Sunday—Read Mark 16:1-8

The empty tomb.

Use the blocks or stones from yesterday to show the open tomb.

#### Monday—Read John 20:1-10

Running to the tomb.

Choose characters and act out this story.

#### Tuesday—Read John 20:11-18

Mary and Jesus.

Talk about what you think Mary, Jesus, and the disciples were each feeling during this story.

#### Wednesday—Read Luke 24:13-27

On the road to Emmaus.

Walk along the road and retell this story.

#### Thursday—Read Luke 24:28-35

Jesus is known through broken bread.

Talk about ways that you experience Jesus during worship.

#### Friday—Read Luke 24:36-49

Jesus appears to his disciples.

Describe how you would have felt if you had been in this room.

#### Saturday—Read Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission.

Name one person that you can tell about Jesus this week.