

Unit 8, Session 1: Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Dear Parents,

This week we will step out of our study through Jesus' Life on Earth and briefly turn our attention to the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. We start with a look at the triumphal entry, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds that day welcomed Him as King, but they didn't really understand what kind of King He was.

Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11)

Help your kids see that Jesus was first the suffering servant when He came to earth the first time, but when He returns, He will be the conquering King.

FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- **Babies and Toddlers**
 - Jesus is alive.
 - Jesus is God's Son.
 - God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us.
 - People and children praised Jesus as their King.
- **Preschool**
 - Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin.
 - People welcomed Jesus as their King.
- **Kids**
 - Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from sin.
 - People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

- **Luke 24:5-6**
- Babies & Toddlers and Preschool: **Luke 24:6**

NEXT WEEK

- **"Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection"** (Matthew 26:36–28:10; John 18:1–20:18)

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Unit 8, Session 2: Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Dear Parents,

This week we pick up just a few days after the triumphal entry when the same crowd that chanted "hosanna" to Jesus now chanted "crucify Him." Jesus was betrayed by Judas, arrested, condemned, and crucified. After He died, Jesus was placed in a tomb, but on the third day, He rose again conquering death and providing life to those who believe.

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. We are forgiven only through Jesus. (Acts 4:12)

Help your children understand the gospel. Spend some time explaining our sin and our need for forgiveness that only comes through trusting in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- **Babies and Toddlers**
 - Jesus is alive.
 - Jesus is God's Son.
 - Jesus always obeyed God.
 - Jesus died on the cross, but God made Jesus alive again.
 - God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us.
- **Preschool**
 - Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin.
 - Jesus died on the cross and is alive.
- **Kids**
 - Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from sin.
 - Jesus died on the cross to save people from sin, and He is alive.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

- **Luke 24:5-6**
- Babies & Toddlers and Preschool: **Luke 24:6**

NEXT WEEK

- **"The Promised Land and Jericho"** (Joshua 2–4; 6)

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