

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 11 :: **The King Enters Jerusalem**

Treasure Story: Matthew 21:1-11

There is always something special about a grand entrance. When a bride is coming down the aisle to be married, many times there is a flower girl who throws rose petals to lead the way. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was a special occasion. He had come to save His people, and the people were laying their cloaks and palm branches on the ground and shouting, "Hosanna!"

Connect

"We are saved to worship God. All that Christ has done in the past and all that He is doing now leads to this one end."

- A.W. Tozer

The people who were shouting and laying down their garments were ready for the Messiah, and Jesus was that Messiah. But they were mistaken about who this Messiah really was. They were expecting one type of king, but Jesus was a much bigger King than they imagined. He came to seek and save the lost, and He would die to save them.

- **The Grand Entrance:** Next time you are at a wedding as a family, remember the entrance of King Jesus. As the bride walks down the aisle and all eyes are on her, remember that Jesus also had a special entrance. Our King indeed experienced a grand entrance but soon after was mocked, beaten, and killed by some of those same people shouting, "Hosanna!"
- **Re-creating the Entrance:** As a family, play out the events of this grand entrance by re-creating the scene in your home. Create a donkey out of a brown paper bag, make palm branches out of construction paper, and create other aspects of the entrance. After you are finished, put on a family play. Acting out the scene will help you and your children remember the significance of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

My Mission As Parent

- Are we as followers of Christ constantly praising Jesus for our salvation? Are we constantly saying "Hosanna" and thanking Him for our salvation?
- Do we fully understand how Jesus humbled Himself? He rode in as the Messiah on a donkey instead of atop of a huge horse with an army of men escorting Him. He then further humbled Himself by dying on the cross for our sins. We as parents need to learn humility in our parenting and also in our discipline.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for your salvation.
- Praise Jesus that He humbled Himself by coming down in human form to save us.
- Pray that others would see the glory of God in Christ and shout "Hosanna!" in you and in the lives of your family.