



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Date: Sunday April 14th **Teachers:** Brianna V, Lauren J, Isaiah D, Lucas J, Julia B

CIRCLE TIME: (volunteer with little ones) (Lauren, Lucas, Julia) (10-15min)

Welcome kids. Hello Everybody and how are you song, sing standing in a circle over mats. (Lead Teacher)

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Three Chances to Obey (1st. warning 2nd. remove from activity 3. call parent)

INTRO BIBLE STORY (Brianna): **materials:** (palm branch cut outs in the folder.)

Hand some children a palm branch cut out, invite them to wave it and pass it to another child for a turn. Lead preschoolers to walk around in a circle waving their "branches" Read what the branches say when you give each child one.

Say • In today's Bible story, people laid down robes and branches on the road as they and shouted praises to Jesus. Let's listen to the story.

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO) Triumphal entry

SING A SONG: (Brianna)

"Here comes Jesus riding on a donkey, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!

Wave those branches of the leaves before Him, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!"

OBJECT LESSON 1 "Hail the King" (Brianna) **materials:** (towels, blankets ** bring from home)

When Jesus rode in on the donkey many people took off their coats and cloaks and laid them on Him and the ground for Him to ride through the city many of the people took branches off of the Palm trees, and waved them. It was Jesus' triumphant entry. The people thought he was coming to rescue them from the evil rulers of the City but Jesus was coming to rescue them from much more ...the evil ruler of this world the **Devil** and the evil that rules in our hearts **SIN**. (have kids take turns being the donkey and have the other kids throw the towels/blankets on them)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin. Jesus is the King who came to save people from the punishment for sin. People welcomed Jesus as their King, and they were right to do so. They called out, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "save now," and that is exactly what Jesus came to do!

KEY PASSAGE: "He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures." play the key passage song (practise for next Sunday)

(DISMISS TODDLERS TO PLAY AREA)

OBJECT LESSON 2 “Rocks cry out” (Isaiah): materials: (rocks ** Isaiah will bring)

Allow children to choose a rock to hold, remind children that Jesus said if people did not praise Him, the rocks would cry out.

Say• The religious leaders did not like that people welcomed Jesus as their King. They thought people should not praise Jesus. They did not believe Jesus is God’s Son, but they were wrong. Jesus came riding on a donkey, just as the prophet Zechariah said He would. One day, Jesus will come back, riding on a white horse as King over everything.

PRAYER: Hosanna to King Jesus, come and rule in our hearts and by your Spirit make us new again.

ACTIVITY/SNACK/CRAFT/ PLAYDOUGH: (Fishy crackers/animal crackers) Activity/Colouring sheet (last 15-20 min divide time between craft/snack/activities)

The BIBLE Story Jesus’ Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19

It was the time of year that the Israelites celebrated Passover. Many Israelites had traveled to Jerusalem to remember what God had done when He rescued His people from slavery in Egypt.

Jesus and His friends also traveled to Jerusalem. He sent two of them ahead to a village. Jesus said, “Go into the village ahead of you. There you will find a donkey and her colt tied up. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you should say that the Lord needs them.”

The friends did what Jesus said. They put their robes on the donkey and the colt, and Jesus sat on them. As Jesus came to Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered. The crowd laid their robes on the road. They cut palm branches from trees and laid those on the road, too. The crowds walked ahead of Jesus, and those who followed Him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One—the King of Israel!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!” The word hosanna means “Save now!”

The religious teachers didn’t like it. They asked Jesus to tell His friends to be quiet. “If they didn’t praise Me,” Jesus said, “the rocks would cry out!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people asked, “Who is this?” The crowds replied, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!” They were only half right. Jesus wasn’t just a prophet of God—He was God’s Son! Jesus went to the temple and drove out the money changers there. While Jesus was at the temple complex, people who could not see and people who could not walk came to Him. Jesus healed them.

The priests and the scribes at the temple heard children shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” The priests and scribes asked Jesus, “Do you hear what these children are saying?” The children were saying, “The king is here! The king is here!”

Jesus said, “Yes. Even the children will praise Me.” Then Jesus left and went to spend the night in the town of Bethany.

Christ Connection: The people were happy to see Jesus. They knew He was their King. Jesus came riding on a donkey, just as the prophet Zechariah said He would. (Zechariah 9:9) One day, Jesus will come back, riding on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11)

