



PALM SUNDAY: JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

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SUPPLIES

- Bibles
- Paper
- Markers
- River stone(s) or create stone(s) out of construction paper
- Permanent markers

Today we'll learn that Jesus is the King. Let's think about what kings are like. How do you picture a king? If a king was going to be in a parade right near your house, what would you do? Think about famous people you've seen on TV or in real life, like the president or movie stars.

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THEM TRAVEL?

The president travels in a long line of fancy cars called limousines, with people all around protecting him. Movie stars often show up to fancy events in limousines, and then they walk on a special red carpet.

Jesus is the King, but he didn't travel like that. He walked from one place to another, and his feet probably got dirty with no red carpet to walk on. But in today's Bible story, we read about the time Jesus was treated just like the King he really is.

INSTRUCTIONS

With paper and markers, draw the following and cut them out:

- limousine
- bicycle
- chariot
- airplane
- wagon
- donkey and baby donkey

Now choose which type of transportation is best for Jesus to travel.

Of course, a lot of these kinds of transportation didn't exist yet when Jesus was alive. But there was a specific way Jesus wanted to travel. You see, way back before Jesus lived on earth, God had given a prophet a special message about who Jesus would be.

Zechariah 9:9:

9 "Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey-riding on a donkey's colt."

When Jesus told his disciples to find him a young donkey to ride on, he was showing that Jesus is the King God had told people about a long time ago!

What about you? Jesus is the King today, just as he was back then. What words would you use to praise Jesus if he were riding by today? What wonderful things has he done that you'd praise him for? As a group, share what you want to praise Jesus for, and combine your thoughts to come up with a group cheer. Think of how you want to praise Jesus as King.

MAKE STONES

Jesus had a great response to those Pharisees.

Luke 19:40

40 "He replied, 'If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!'"

What would it look like for a stone to praise Jesus? We're going to make some stones to praise Jesus. Decorate the stones with faces, adding a speech bubble with a one-word praise for who Jesus is. For example, you could write "King," "loving," "amazing," or any other word you want to use.

Jesus is the King. He deserves our praise! And if people didn't praise Jesus, he's so worthy of praise that the *rocks* would! But we don't need to let rocks praise Jesus because we can always praise him for being our King!