

# The BIBLE STORY

## Bible Storytelling Tips

### • **Animate the art:**

Choose a volunteer to hold the Bible story picture and walk it slowly across the room as you tell the story.

### • **Call for response:**

When you talk about the crowd praising God, call for kids to shout together, "Hosanna!"

## Jesus' Triumphal Entry

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

*John 12:12-19*

**It was time to celebrate 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 disciples traveled to Jerusalem, too. When they neared Bethphage (BETH fayj) and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into a village. "As soon as you enter the village," Jesus told them, "you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"**

**The disciples did as Jesus asked.** As they untied the donkey, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the donkey?" "The Lord needs it," they said. Then **they brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their robes onto the donkey, and helped Jesus get on it. People spread their robes along the road, and others spread palm branches cut from the fields.**

**The whole crowd of the disciples praised God** with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen. **"The King who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One.** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven! **Hosanna!"** The word *hosanna* means "save now." The people believed Jesus was their promised King, and they hoped He would save them from Rome.

Some of the religious leaders said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!" Jesus answered, "If they did not praise Me, the rocks would praise Me!"

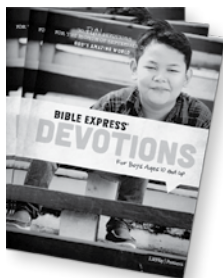
**While Jesus was in the temple complex, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. The blind and lame were not allowed to worship in the temple. Jesus healed them.**

Other religious leaders saw Jesus' miracles and heard the children saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" or "Our king is here!" They were angry and asked Jesus, "Do you hear these children? They are saying you are a king!"

"Yes," Jesus replied. "The Psalmist said: You have prepared praise from the mouths of children and nursing infants.'"

Jesus left them and went to the town of Bethany to spend the night.

*Christ Connection: During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. 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)*



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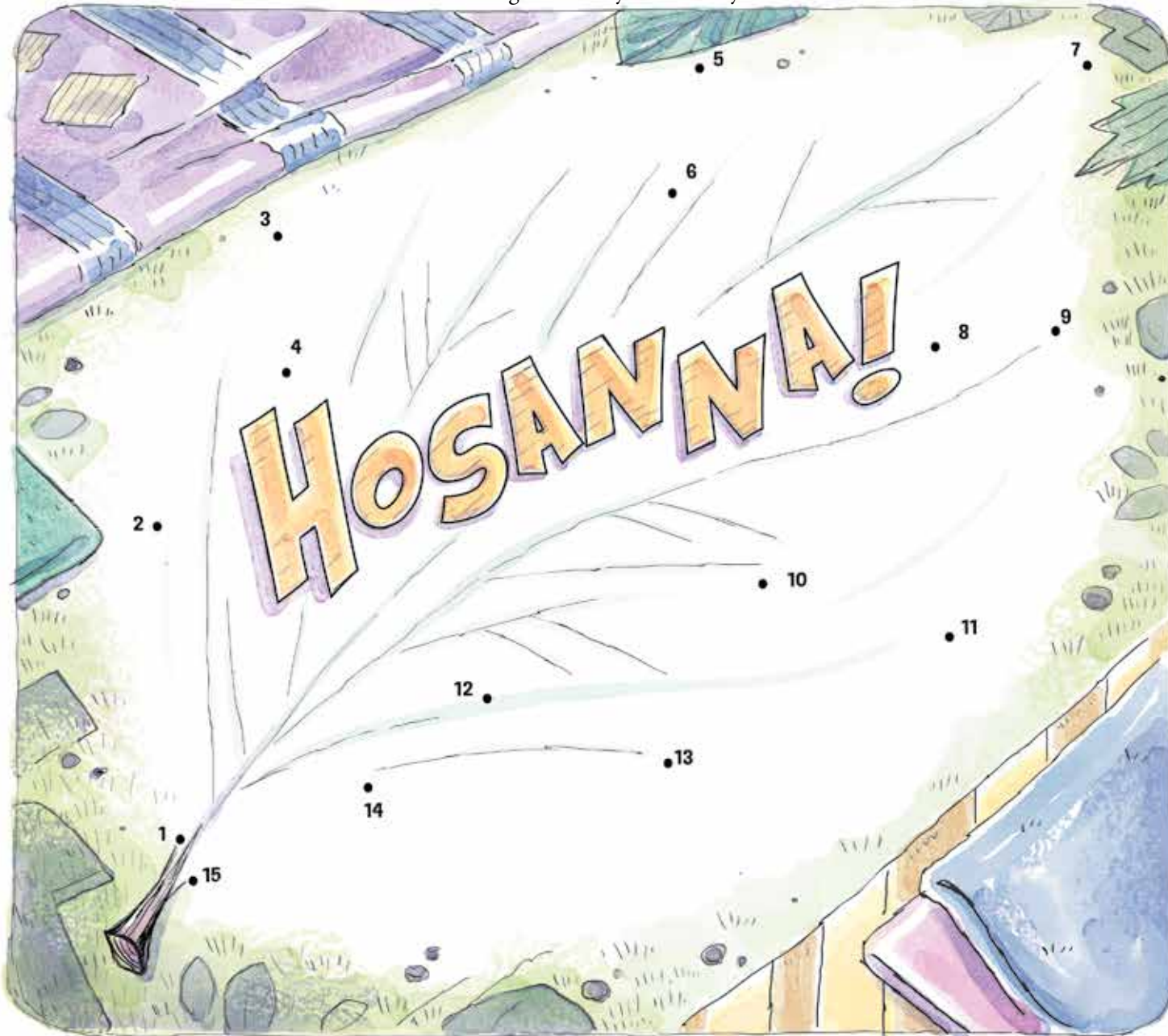
Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover that people welcomed Jesus as King. Jesus is the Messiah, God's chosen King (Luke 19:38) who would die to rescue us from sin.

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# Palm Branch Dot-to-Dot

DOWNLOAD THE  
TGP FAMILY APP

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Connect the dots to reveal something from today's Bible story.



**KEY PASSAGE:** Romans 10:9

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who saves us from our sin?  
Jesus saves us from sin.

**BIBLE STORY:**

**JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**

- Jesus and His friends traveled to Jerusalem for Passover.
- People welcomed Jesus as their King.
- Jesus rode on a donkey, and the people shouted, "Hosanna."
- The religious leaders did not like the people praising Jesus.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Read Zechariah 9:9. How did Jesus make these words happen?
- A few days later, crowds of people wanted Jesus to be hurt. Does that seem strange after this Bible story?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Visit a local petting zoo to see a donkey. Talk about the humility of King Jesus in riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- Identify a person who is unable to see or unable to walk. Offer him a ride to the grocery store or offer to deliver his groceries to him.

*Preschool Activity Pages*  
Unit 20, Session 1



## Palm Branch Crossing

Find the path for Jesus to follow into Jerusalem. You may only travel across palm branches that match.



## Make the Connection

Choose the correct words to find in the blanks and complete the Christ connection.

During \_\_\_\_\_ ( **Jesus' / John's** ) triumphal entry, the people welcome Him as \_\_\_\_\_. ( **president / King** )

Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ ( **Messiah / messenger** ) spoken about by the prophet \_\_\_\_\_ ( **Jonah / Zechariah** ) :

“ \_\_\_\_\_, ( **Listen / Look** ) your King is coming to you; He is righteous and \_\_\_\_\_, ( **victorious / defeated** )

humble and riding on a \_\_\_\_\_ ( **horse / donkey** ), on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

One day, Jesus will return to \_\_\_\_\_ ( **heaven / earth** ) on a \_\_\_\_\_ ( **brown / white** ) horse

as King over \_\_\_\_\_ ( **the oceans / everything** ).



## The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



**God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



**We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



**God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



**Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



**We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.