CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY'S VERSES: ZECH 9:9, REV 19:11, ROM 10:9

KEY PASSAGE

IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH, “JESUS IS LORD,” AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

- ROMANS 10:9

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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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)

Our story takes place a week before Jesus would die on the cross for our sins. He had been traveling all over Judea and Samaria performing miracles, teaching people about God, and showing love to everyone. Many of the people knew that He is the Messiah, but they didn’t know exactly what that meant. They were sure excited to see Him though!

Big picture question:
Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from our sin.
**FUN ACTIVITIES**

**Idea #1. Palm Branch Craft**
Outline your child’s hand on green construction paper. Make about 6-10 hand cut outs. You and your child can cut around the hand print outlines. Now tape/glue the hand prints to each other so it looks like a palm branch. Tape the handprints to a popsicle stick (or something similar you have around your house). Now you can waive your branches as if you were in the crowds that day in Jerusalem. Hosanna!

**Idea #2. Robe Craft**
You will need a paper grocery bag. Help your child open the bag and cut a straight slit through the middle of the bag. Then help your little one cut a hole in the bag’s bottom and a hole in each of the narrower sides, about an inch from the bottom. Allow kids to decorate their robes with markers and other craft supplies. Now they have their very own robe that they can wear and remember our story and what the people did to honor and praise Jesus.

**Idea #3. Hide and Seek Praise**
Give everyone in your family a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil. Instruct them to write a praise to God on their paper and wad it into a ball. Then hide the praises around your house or outside (like an Easter egg hunt). Then have everyone find the praises and read them aloud.

**PRAYER**
Lord, You have done so much for us. You sent Jesus to die on the cross so that we could be saved from our sin. The people welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King, only to crucify Him when He did not do things their way. Help us to honor You as King in our lives even when we don’t understand exactly what You are doing. Amen.