

# Palm Branch Dot-to-Dot

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



Preschool Activity Pages

## Easter • Session 1 Jesus' Triumphal Entry

### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- 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.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Romans 10:9

### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

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

### **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.



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# Can You Find Them?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find and circle in the Bible story picture the items from the key. There may be more than one of some items.



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**Jesus' Triumphal Entry**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Jesus traveled to Jerusalem on a young donkey, just as Scripture prophesied.
- People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.
- The religious leaders wanted people to stop praising Jesus.
- Jesus knew that He deserved their praise.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Romans 10:9

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

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

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What kind of King did people expect Jesus to be?
- What kind of King is Jesus?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Recruit your kids to help with yard work. Collect branches from bushes or trees and hold a mini-parade, waving the branches. Take turns being the "guest of honor" and walking on the branches.
- Take your family to a petting zoo that has donkeys. Allow your kids to pet or even sit on a donkey. Discuss the story.



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# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What kind of King did people expect Jesus to be?
- What kind of King is Jesus?
- How can we welcome Jesus into our own lives?

## Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

### STORY POINT: PEOPLE WELCOMED JESUS TO JERUSALEM AS THEIR KING.

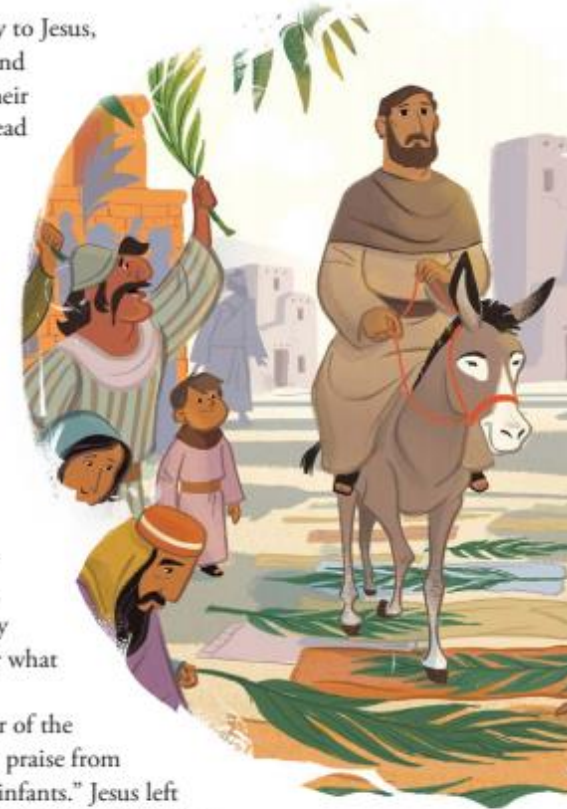
Many Israelites had traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus and His disciples went too. When they neared Bethphage, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into a village. Jesus told them, "You will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here."

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their robes onto the donkey, and helped Jesus get on. People spread their robes along the road, and others spread palm branches cut from the fields.

"Hosanna!" the people said. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Some religious leaders asked Jesus to tell His disciples to be quiet. Jesus answered, "If they did not praise Me, the rocks would praise Me!"

While Jesus was in the temple, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. Jesus healed them. Other religious leaders heard the children saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They were very angry and asked Jesus, "Do You hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes," Jesus told them. The writer of the Psalms had 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.

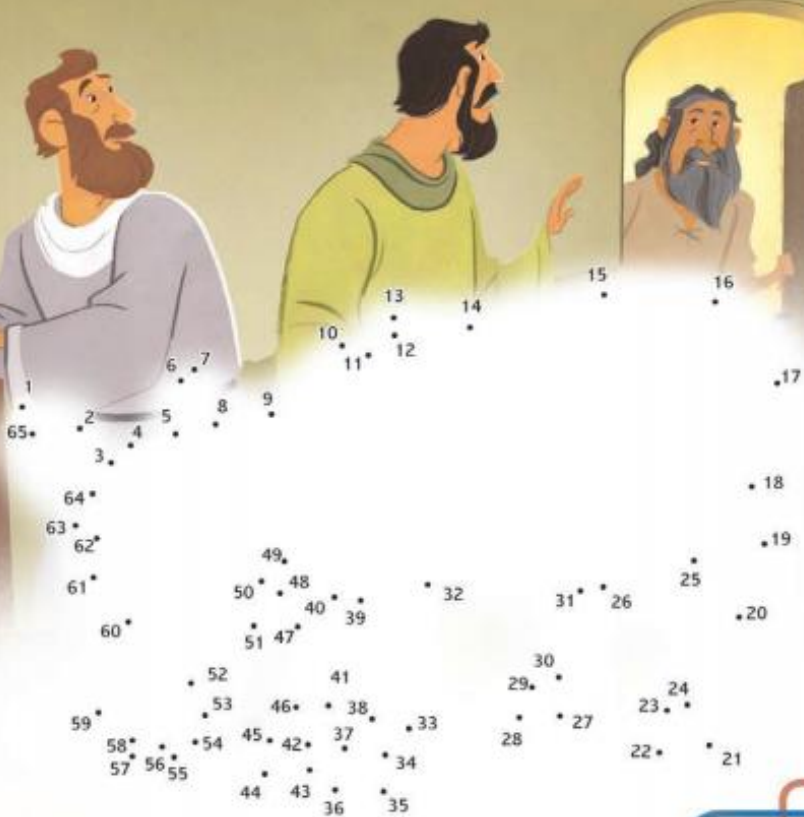


*Christ Connection: During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11)*



## The Lord Needs It

Connect the dots to discover what Jesus told His disciples to bring Him.



"The Lord needs it," \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ said.

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"  
\_\_\_\_\_ said.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord!" \_\_\_\_\_ said.

"Teacher, rebuke your disciples," \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ said.

"You will find a young donkey tied there,"  
\_\_\_\_\_ said.

"Look, your King is coming, sitting on a  
donkey's colt," \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ said.

## Who Said It?

Follow the maze to discover who said what.

- the crowd ●
- the religious leaders ●
- the children ●
- the prophet Zechariah ●
- Jesus ●
- Jesus' disciples ●

