

bloom family guide



BIG IDEA:

Jesus is our Rescuer



BIBLE STORY:

Palm Sunday



SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16



GROW VERSE:

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” Galatians 2:20



MOTIONS:

I have been : Point to yourself

crucified with Christ : Point up to Heaven

and I no longer live : Shake your head and wave your hands

but Christ lives in me : Put your hands over your heart

Galatians 2:20 : Pretend to hold your Bible

Scripture + The Story

Open your Bible and read the following passages of Scripture as a family:

- Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16

THE STORY:

One day Jesus was walking with His friends. He asked them to go and find a donkey in the town.

Jesus told His friends that if anyone asked why they were taking the donkey, they should tell them, “The Lord needs it.” Well, Jesus’s friends, called His disciples, did what Jesus asked. They found a donkey and untied him. Some of the men in town asked, “Why are you taking that donkey?” What do you think the disciples told the men? That’s right, they said, “The Lord needs it.” Did the disciples obey Jesus? Yes, they did. Is it important to obey Jesus’ words? It sure is! The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus and placed a coat on its back. Jesus got on the donkey and started riding into Jerusalem.

Many people had heard that Jesus was coming into town, and they were so excited. They had heard He had made a great big storm stop when He said, “Peace, be still.” They heard that He had helped a blind man see again! They heard that Jesus healed sick people by simply touching them. They had heard that He had fed 5,000 people with just a few loaves of bread and some fish. They knew that Jesus was the Rescuer King that God had been promising for so long. We know that God is a Promise Maker and a Promise Keeper, and that Jesus is the best Promise God ever gave us!

The people wanted to honor King Jesus, so they put their coats on the ground to make a special road for Him. They waved palm branches and began to shout praises to Him. They shouted the word “Hosanna!” Can you say that word “Hosanna” with me?

Hosanna means “Save!” The people said, “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” They needed a king who could save them and be their Rescuer. The people knew that King was Jesus. Jesus had come to be their king and save them and they wanted to celebrate!

Jesus is our King, too. God knew we needed to be rescued from our sins, and He loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to be our Rescuer and our King!

PRAYER

“Dear God, we are so excited that Jesus is our King and that we can celebrate Him, just like they did a long time ago on that very first Palm Sunday. Thank You for being our Promise Keeper and for sending Jesus to be our Rescuer! Help us remember that Jesus loves us and that we can put our trust in Him! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

GROW VERSE

Practice the April Grow Verse together as a family.

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REFLECTION

- Why did the people put their coats on the ground and wave palm branches?
- What were the people shouting to celebrate Jesus?
- What does Hosanna mean?
- Who is our King and God’s special Rescuer?

Family Activities + Discussion Questions

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1

PALM BRANCHES

Supplies: print out the palm branch for each child (or person) to color + cut out

Today is what we call Palm Sunday! We learned that when Jesus came through Jerusalem, the people put their coats on the ground and waved palm branches in the air. They shouted, “Hosana! Hosana in the highest Heaven!” Let’s do that together with our own palm branches!

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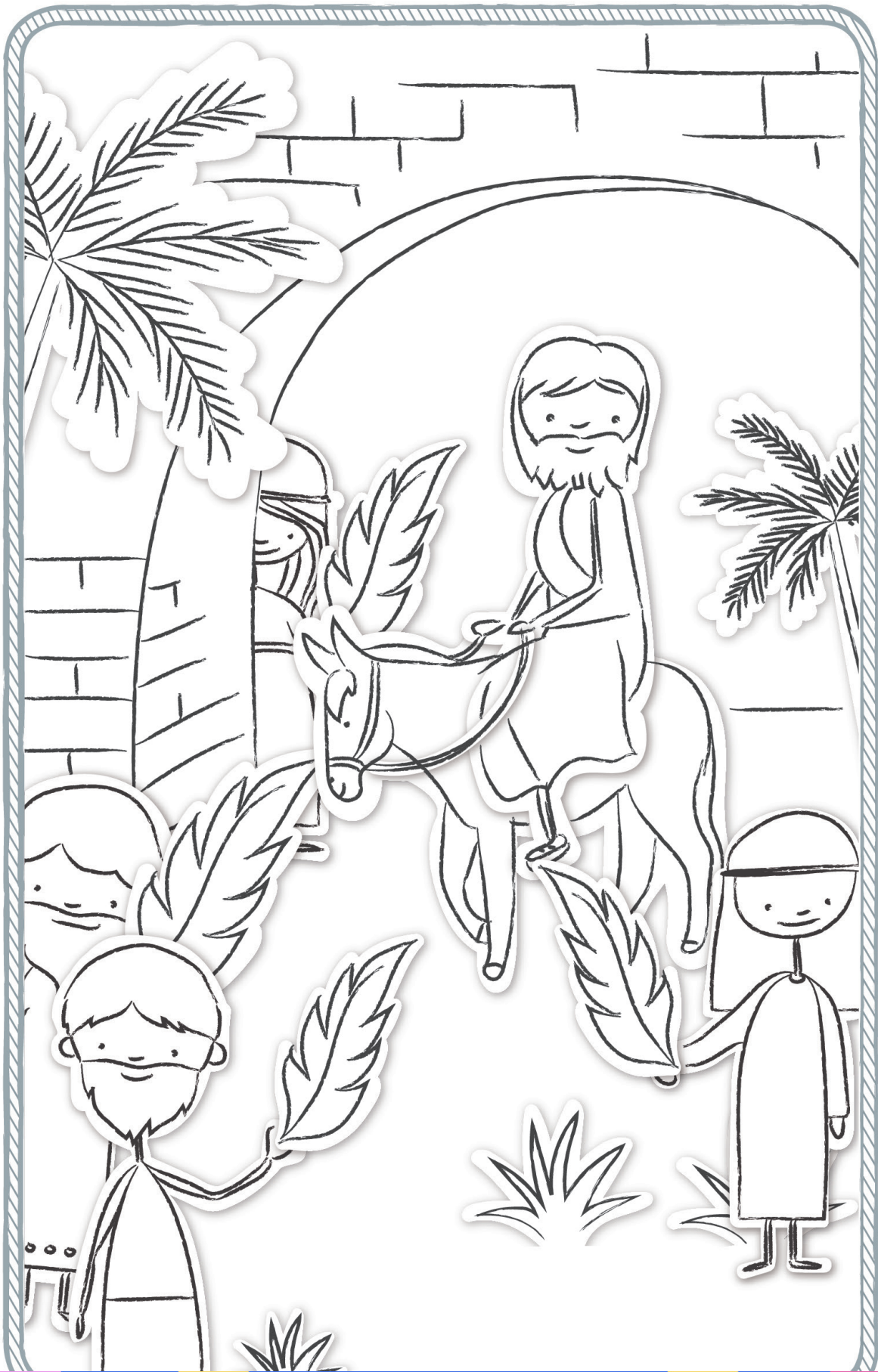
JESUS’ TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Supplies: coats, branches or sticks and leaves from outside; a stuffed animal or toy similar to a donkey.

We are going to re-enact the triumphant entry of King Jesus. Let’s pretend we were there that day! By gathering our coats and having a fun scavenger hunt to find things to lay on the ground, we will be like the people were when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. Our stuffed animal will act as the donkey and we will walk it down the path we’ve made as we shout “Hosanna! Hosanna!” & “Glory to God in the Highest.” Let’s go outside to gather sticks and things like branches in nature to use for Jesus’ triumphal entry!

ADDITIONAL FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is Jesus?
- Are adults the only ones who can praise Jesus?
- What kind of animal do you imagine a king riding on?
- What do you picture a king wearing?
- Do you think Jesus was wearing what you would imagine a king would wear?



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