

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MARCH 14-15

Bible Story: The Triumphal Entry *Matthew 21:1–11*

Big Idea: Jesus Loves

Focus: Jesus loves us and came to save us.

Memory Verse: “Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Now remain in my love.” *John 15:9 (NIRV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on **Matthew 21:1–11, Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25–26; Romans 6:23; Acts 16:31.**

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah that said the coming King, or Messiah, would humbly enter on a donkey. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowds spread cloaks and branches and shouted “Hosanna!” to honor Him. The people celebrated that Jesus was the King God promised!

He Question: Why did the people celebrate Jesus?

The people recognized Jesus as King. He fulfilled Old Testament prophecy and showed He was the promised Messiah who came to save the people.

We Question: Why do we need to be saved?

We all sin and are separated from God. We needed to be saved from sin and death, which Jesus did when He took our place, died on the cross and rose again.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



After you eat, put some soapy water in the kitchen sink. Have your child hold out one of their hands and put a few drops of maple syrup on it. Have them attempt to get the sticky mess off their hand, using only their other hand. Tell them our sin is like this. We can't clean ourselves up. We need a Savior to save us. Allow them to wash their hands in the soapy water. Remind them that when we believe in Jesus, He cleans up our messy sin.

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WEEK 3



DAY 1

READ *John 15:9*

This month we are working to memorize this verse to remind us how much Jesus loves us. With the help of a parent, find a piece of paper. Draw a big heart that fills most of the paper. Then write the verse inside the heart. If you want, you can cut it out, but take your heart and place it somewhere in your house that you walk by often. Tape it there and each time you see it, let it remind you how much Jesus loves you!

Where did you put your heart?

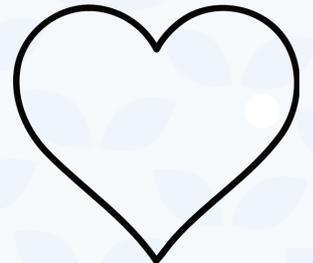
PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus loves.

DAY 2

READ *Zechariah 9:9*

Several years before Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, Zechariah prophesied that the coming King would humbly enter riding on a donkey. Prophecy means saying that something will happen in the future. The people were so excited to finally see that promise fulfilled when they saw Jesus riding into the city on a donkey. Their King had come. God is a promise keeper. Jesus coming to Jerusalem was all a part of God's plan. Jesus loves you and came to save you by dying on the cross so your sins can be made right with God.

With the help of a parent, write your name in the center of the heart with a black crayon. Then color in the heart with a red crayon to help you remember Jesus loves you so much and came to die on the cross for you!

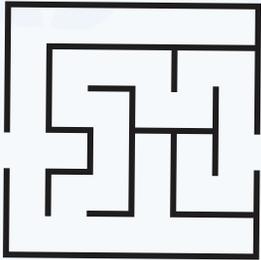


KNOW that Jesus loves us and came to save us.

DAY 3

READ Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds celebrated and honored Jesus by spreading their robes and waving palm branches. They shouted "Hosanna!" Hosanna means praise or joy. The people were so excited that Jesus the Messiah had finally come. He came knowing that He would die on the cross to make a way for you to live with God forever. He loves you more than you will ever know! With the help of a parent, complete the maze to get Jesus to the cross.



BE THANKFUL that Jesus loves you and came to save you.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ Acts 16:31, Romans 6:23

Close your eyes and imagine being in the crowd the day Jesus came to Jerusalem. You are waving your palm branch, throwing your robe down, and shouting "Hosanna" to the promised King! That day, those people had no idea that Jesus was coming to eventually die on the cross and make a way for each of them to live forever in heaven with God. He loves you so much that He came to save you from your mistakes so you could be made right with God.

Take a moment and pray. Thank God for loving you so much and for sending His son, Jesus to save you. Ask Him to help you believe and trust in Him.

PRAY and thank Jesus that He came to save you.

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

March 21-22	Kindergarten
March 28-29	4th Grade
April 11-12	3rd Grade
April 18-19	2nd Grade
April 25-26	1st Grade

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Come to church 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks



Child's Name: _____