

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Is King

Part of The Big God Story
Matthew 21:1-11
The Triumphal Entry

JUST FOR FUN

One night this week, have each family member sit on a coat as you read **Matthew 21:1-11**. Then discuss with your children some things associated with being a king—for instance, crowns, jewels, and thrones. Ask how that's different from what you just read about Jesus. Share with your children how Zechariah foretold that the Messiah King would enter the city exactly the way Jesus did that day. Discuss how Jesus will return one day as the King of all kings.

Did You Know?

- The triumphal entry of King Jesus took place the Sunday before the crucifixion, shortly after He raised Lazarus from the dead.
- Even though Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was foretold by the prophets and pointed to the coming of the Messiah King, the manner in which He came was unexpected by the Jewish people of His day. They were expecting a mighty warrior, but instead Jesus came as a humble servant.
- There will come a day when Jesus will again ride into Jerusalem, clothed in regal splendor, riding on a white horse, and will enter victoriously into the city as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:11-16).

Children this age learn best through play, and they love to play with you! Take the time to intentionally play with your child this week. Watch as she learns and grows, and be on the lookout for teachable moments along the way.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Matthew 21:1-11**, discuss the following together:

- What does it mean that Jesus is King?
- What made Jesus different from other kings?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example that day?
- How can we show that Jesus is our King?

Remember Verse

As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.
John 15:9

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you always remember Jesus is King over all the earth and the heavens. May you always remember His great love for you.