

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 THE MESSIAH

Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11;

Luke 19:28–38; John 12:12–19

The people of Israel had been waiting many years for the promised Savior to come. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people celebrated by shouting praises to God and waving palm branches.

JUST FOR FUN

Allow each family member a turn to be "king" or "queen" at mealtime. Let them know that kings and queens get special treatment. Maybe they get to eat dessert before dinner or sit at the head of the table. Be sure each family member gets royal treatment sometime during the week. Share with your children that you're going to read about a time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King. Then, read **John 12:12–16**. After reading, ask your children, "What did the people say as Jesus rode into town?" They called Him the King of Israel. Pray together, thanking God that He sent Jesus to be our King.

Did You Know?

- Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was prophesied in the book of Daniel.
- His riding on an unbroken donkey colt was the fulfillment of a prophecy written in Zechariah 9:9.
- As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people sang from Psalm 118, which was written to welcome the Messiah—the promised Savior.

Remember Verse

This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Isaiah 48:17

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 shout praises and worship the promised Savior wherever you go this week. He has come and will come again!

Teachable Moments

- Do you think kings usually ride donkeys?
- How did Jesus show He is King?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is the Messiah whom God promised?