

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church, and you can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

The Feast of Trumpets is a festival God's people observed each year to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness in their lives.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS KING

Triumphal Entry, Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–38; John 12:12–19

Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The significance of the triumphal entry is magnified by the fact that the event is recorded in all four gospel accounts.
- The normal pomp and circumstance that would accompany a king entering a city were absent as Jesus approached on a humble donkey with His ragtag disciples following Him.
- The Jewish people had hope that Jesus would be the one to overthrow the foreign rule of Rome, but Jesus was coming with an entirely different kingdom in mind.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather some items (leaves, pillows, large pieces of paper, etc.) that your children can wave like palm branches. **Read Matthew 21:1–11.** Encourage your children to imagine what this scene must have looked like and remind them of a time they may have seen a parade. Help them wave their "palm branches" and pretend they're waving them for Jesus. Ask them what the people were shouting and why the people were acting that way. Then ask them what *they* would say to Jesus as He passed by.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What would you have thought as Jesus rode by on His donkey?
- Why does Jesus want to be your King?
- How can you worship Jesus as King?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus is King into your everyday life as a family.

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you always celebrate Jesus as your King!**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.