

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 10/4/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 21

**LESSON:** Jesus' Triumphal Entry



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week, we learned about a time when Jesus raised one of His friends from the dead. Do you remember that friend's name? Yes! It was Lazarus! In our lesson this week, we're going to see people praising Jesus.

**What Makes a King?** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Have kids draw a picture of what a king looks like. What kind of clothes does he wear? How does he get from place to place? What does his home look like?

**Say** - In our story today, people are going to welcome Jesus like He is a king, but He won't be wearing nice clothes, riding a fancy horse, or walking on a red carpet. That's because Jesus came to be a very different kind of King.



## LESSON - JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus' Triumphal Entry](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus welcomed the little children.** (Kids repeat!)

After Jesus rode into Jerusalem, all the people welcomed Him with cheers and praise. Even the young children praised Jesus as their King and asked Him to save them. The religious leaders were mad that Jesus was allowing the kids to participate and they were mad the kids were calling Jesus their King. Jesus welcomed the children, and referenced King David in the Psalms when he said "Out of the mouths of infants and babies You have brought out praise".

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus welcomed the lame and the blind.** (Kids repeat!)

The blind and lame were not allowed in the Temple to worship because of Old Testament law. They were seen as unclean, as if some sin issue had caused them to be unworthy of worshiping God. But Jesus makes all things new! He welcomed them by allowing them into the Temple and He healed them! This also upset the religious leaders, because they thought what He was doing was bad because it broke their traditional rules. But Jesus cared more about hurting people than powerful people.

Think about this. If you were trying to build a kingdom with you as the King... what kind of people would you pick? Big, strong, smart, healthy, popular people? Or weak, sad, ignored people? Big, powerful adults, or goofy little kids?

Jesus picked a weird group of people for His kingdom because He loves everyone and wants us to know that everyone is loved by God and valuable in God's kingdom.

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus welcomed glory and worship.** (Kids repeat!)

Not only did Jesus welcome little children... Not only did Jesus welcome the lame and the blind... BUT Jesus also welcomed people's worship. People aren't supposed to do



that! And the whole thing was weird. Jesus entered Jerusalem on a little donkey instead of a big fancy horse. His welcome party was made of common people, including kids and the sick and disabled. What a weird kingdom!

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus can welcome worship because Jesus is worthy of worship.** (kids repeat)  
It's not ok for normal people to welcome other people worshiping them, because we're not God! But Jesus is.

Many Jewish people were hoping for an earthly King to lead them. Instead they got the King of the Universe. Many Jewish people were hoping for a Messiah to help them conquer the Roman Empire. Instead they got a King that conquered the curse of sin. Jesus is worthy of our worship because He's God who came for us and died for us. And He welcomes us - as children or adults... healthy or sick - to come to Him with all our normalness and brokenness. We join those who welcomed Jesus in Jerusalem with loud, joyful worship because Jesus is our king!



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [He Humbled Himself](#)  
[Good Good Father](#)

**Pray:** Dear Lord, Thank You for King Jesus. Thank you for sending us a King who shows us how we are called to Love all your people. Let us pray that we can live as examples of Jesus and spread His light to the world. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on? *"A Donkey"*
- What does Hosanna mean? *"Save now"*
- What type of Messiah were the Jewish people expecting? *"During this time, Jewish people felt oppressed by the Roman Empire, so they were expecting a King to conquer the Romans. God had another plan however, He sent a King to save them from their sin"*
- Jesus angered the religious leaders of Jerusalem with the way He welcomed all His people into the Temple. Why did Jesus welcome all kinds of different people? How can we be welcome like Jesus?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Parent Share** - Why do you worship Jesus?

**Paper Plate Ring Toss** - *Supplies: Paper plates, glue or tape, scissors, the cardboard roll from a paper towel.* Glue or tape the cardboard tube to the bottom of one paper plate so that it stands upright on the floor or a table. Cut the centers of the other paper plates out to create rings and have fun decorating them. Start tossing your new rings to the stand that you made. Add some challenge by taking a step back after each toss or assigning points to different rings or different places in the room.