

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS KING OF KINGS

Triumphal Entry
Matthew 21:1–17

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- “Hosanna” means “Save us” or “Rescue us.”
- “Palm Sunday” is also called the “Triumphal Entry.”
- The palm branch was a symbol of Jewish patriotism. It represented victory for the Jewish people.
- Palms were used in decorating Jewish coins, buildings and even synagogues. They were prominently displayed during many of their major feasts and festivals.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, give each child the opportunity to become “King” or “Queen” for the day. Allow them to choose their favorite meal or dessert—maybe even both. Let them pick their favorite television show or play their favorite game. Find ways to give them the royal treatment. After children have had the opportunity to be King or Queen, tell them you are going to read a part of The Big God Story in which Jesus revealed that He was the long awaited King. Together, read **Matthew 21:1–11**. Pray together thanking God for sending Jesus to be our King.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Tell your children that God’s people were looking for a king to come and save them. They wanted Jesus to be a warrior king—they didn’t understand that He had come to bring peace and lay down His life for them.
- Instead of bringing a sword, Jesus brought a message of peace and humility for true salvation.
- Ask your children: “What would you have done if you’d been there that day?”

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

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that’s highlighted in next week’s portion of The Big God Story.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

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 know that Jesus is the King of Kings. May you be full of joy and praise because He alone is the King over all the earth.**

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