

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus came to be our king.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that Jesus is a king who deserves our praise because He came to earth to free us from our sins

KEY PASSAGE:

Mark 11:1-10, Jesus Enters Jerusalem

MEMORY VERSE:

"But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

People were drawn to Jesus because they thought he was coming as a king to free them from the Romans. Jesus was coming as king, but he chose to ride on a donkey to symbolize that he was coming in peace. Even though they were drawn to him, the people did not realize that Jesus was coming to free them from something even bigger than the Romans. He was coming to free them from their sins. In the Reverse Egg in a Bottle experiment, kids will see how an entire boiled egg is drawn inside of a bottle. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60HwZnt2W2E>

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8 (NLT)

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Divide the room into girls and boys. Have the boys read the verse aloud, and then have the girls read it aloud. Who can read the loudest?

SMALL GROUP:

Ask if anyone already has this verse memorized from previous memory verse studies. Have those kids recite the verse by themselves, then review it with the other kids.

SKIT

JESUS IS COMING

ITEMS NEEDED:

Chicken puppets or costumes

Beds of hay for the chickens

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Hazel and Raquel - Chickens laying eggs

Hazel and Raquel sit on their beds of straw in the hen house.

HAZEL: Oh isn't this exciting, Raquel?

RAQUEL: Isn't what exciting?

HAZEL: It's spring time! And you know what that means.

RAQUEL: Yes. We survived another winter without becoming buffalo wings for the big game.

HAZEL: No, silly. Well, yes, that's true, but that's not the only thing.

RAQUEL: Then what's so exciting?

HAZEL: Easter is coming! All the eggs we're laying are going to play a part in celebrating the story of Easter.

RAQUEL: Easter? Is that the day people get up and makes Denver omelettes?

HAZEL: No, Raquel. It's the day people celebrate Jesus fulfilling his mission on Earth.

RAQUEL: Jesus, huh? Who was the guy, some sort of secret agent?

HAZEL: Secret agent? No, Raquel, He's the Son of God.

RAQUEL: What? Get serious!

SKIT

HAZEL: I am serious. The story began at Christmas when Jesus was born in a manger. Then thirty-three years later, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem like a king.

RAQUEL: I bet everyone was excited to see Him!

HAZEL: The people were thrilled to see Him coming. They laid out their cloaks on the road as he rode past, and they waved palm branches in the air as the people shouted: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

RAQUEL: Wow! So was Jesus wearing a crown?

HAZEL: No.

RAQUEL: Was He riding on a big, white horse?

HAZEL: No.

RAQUEL: Did He have on a fancy robe?

HAZEL: No.

RAQUEL: Did he carry one of those stick things with the gold thing on the end of it? You know that thing? That thing kings carry? The thing?

HAZEL: A scepter?

RAQUEL: Yeah!!

HAZEL: No.

RAQUEL: No? Hazel, honey, forgive my ignorance, but this Jesus doesn't sound like a king. Why in the world would people cheer Him and wave palm branches for Him and praise His name?

HAZEL: Because Jesus left His throne in Heaven to live as an ordinary man. He gave it all up so that he could show the world how much He loves them.

RAQUEL: Wow. I've never heard of any king giving up his throne to show the people he's one of them. This Jesus must be a special king.

HAZEL: He is, Raquel. And in the coming weeks, our little eggy babies will help the people Jesus loves celebrate how He came to Earth so He could be their king.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

EGG IN A BOTTLE

ITEMS NEEDED:

A hard boiled egg, peeled
Three birthday candles with prongs on the bottom
A lighter
A wide mouthed bottle

DIRECTIONS

1. Insert the candles into the top of the egg.
2. Light the candles.
3. Turn the bottle upside down and lower it over the egg. Once the egg forms a seal around the opening of the jar and the candles go out, the egg will be sucked into the bottle.

APPLICATION

Just as the egg was drawn into the bottle, Jesus was drawn to Earth. Why? Because He wanted to become our king. Jesus knew we needed a Savior to die for our sins. He was drawn to die for us, and He wants to draw us to Himself so we can be saved and worship Him!

Don't resist the call of Jesus. Come to Him, praise Him for what He has done, and let Him be your king.

LARGE GROUP GAME

EGG ROLL

ITEMS NEEDED:

A dozen hard boiled eggs, numbered 1-12

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose twelve kids for this game. Mark a starting line with tape, wide enough for all 12 kids, and mark a finish line 12 feet away with tape. Set the eggs on the starting tape. Players will race to see who can roll their egg across the finish line first, using only their nose to roll their eggs.

VARIATION:

An alternate game would be to let the kids “bowl” their eggs and see whose rolls the farthest. This variation could get very messy.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Jesus “rolled” into Jerusalem to be our king.

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INTRO:

Is everyone egg-cited for Easter? I bet all of you are just egg-static about it. Pretty soon, we will all be having an egg-cellent time with our families, dying eggs and hunting eggs and of course eating eggs both real and chocolate and candy filled. It's an egg-citing time of year, and I hope your Easter is egg-straordinary!

Don't worry. I'm not going to egg up this whole message. I don't want to make you all egg-sasperated. But it's no egg-saggeration that Easter is, for Christians, the most egg-citing time of the year!

Easter is the Sunday when we remember that Jesus rose from the grave, fulfilling His mission on Earth. Easter morning was the day everything Jesus did for us finally became clear and understood. Jesus, the Son of God, had laid down His life so that He could give us eternal life. Because of His death and resurrection, we can have our sins forgiven, and we can live forever with Him in Heaven!

The Easter story begins a week before that blessed Sunday. It begins on a day we call Palm Sunday. This is the day when Jesus made a fantastic entrance into the city of Jerusalem. For many years, people had been waiting for a Savior. They longed for a new king who would free them from the hated Romans, and they believed the Messiah, the prophets had long spoken about, would do just that. When Jesus arrived, riding into town on the back of a donkey, the people weren't just welcoming a great man or a preacher. Many people believed Jesus was coming to take his rightful place on the throne in Jerusalem so He could save them from Rome!

READ MARK 11:1-10

LARGE GROUP LESSON

MAIN POINT:

The people were only half right about Jesus and His mission. When a king entered a city in Jesus' time, He would ride on a horse or a donkey. A horse meant He was coming for war and conquest, but a donkey meant He came in peace. While many in the crowd wanted to see Jesus use His powers to cast out the Roman governor and the hated Roman army, Jesus had His sights set on another enemy. Jesus came to free the whole world from the enemy we call sin.

Jesus may not have been the king the people expected, but He was the king they needed. He is the only person who could have taken our place and paid the price for our sins. Thanks to Jesus, we can have our sins forgiven. We can become subjects in the kingdom of Heaven. We can one day go to Heaven where we will worship Him forever!

DRIVE IT HOME:

Today we saw an unusual experiment with an egg. We inserted some candles into a hard-boiled egg, lit the candles, and inserted the egg in the bottle. Zoom! The egg slipped straight into the bottle, not by any force of magic, but a simple trick of science. Do you guys remember how quickly the egg vanished into the bottle? Good, because I want that image to remind you of three things.

First, I want the egg to remind us of how Jesus came to Earth. Jesus was the Son of God. He lived and reigned in Heaven even before His story begins in the gospels. Then one day when the time is right, God sent Jesus to Earth on a mission to save us. Jesus didn't hesitate! Like the egg drawn into the bottle, Jesus was drawn to us. He came because He loved us, and He was willing to do what it took to save us from sin.

Second, I want the egg to remind us of Palm Sunday. I want us to remember that Jesus came willingly to Jerusalem, where He knew He was going to suffer and die, even as He watched the people waving palm branches. Jesus knew that in just a few days their words of "Hosanna!" would change to "Crucify!" Jesus didn't hesitate. This was why He came, to save us from sin. He was ready to do whatever it took to be our Savior.

Third, I want this egg to be each one of you when you hear the Easter story. Just as Jesus was drawn to Earth to be our Savior, I hope all of you will be drawn to Him! Jesus died to forgive your sins and give you a new life. Knowing this, how can we not race into His arms and thank Him for all He has done?

Jesus is coming. He is coming so that He can become the Savior of the world! Just as Jesus was drawn to us, may His love draw us to Him!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What's your favorite type of candy egg?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Romans 5:8

Ask if anyone already has this verse memorized from previous memory verse studies. Have those kids recite the verse by themselves, then review it with the other kids.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a game of hot potato, passing a plastic egg around the circle instead of a ball or a potato.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Mark 11:1-10

What city did Jesus enter?

What animal did Jesus ride on?

What did the people do to greet Jesus?

What makes Jesus a real king?

Why did Jesus come to Earth?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for what Jesus has done for us.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Mark 11:1-10

Why did Jesus ride on a donkey?

Why did the people greet Jesus with palm branches and singing?

What makes Jesus a real king?

Why did Jesus come to Earth?

Why does Jesus deserve our praise?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for what Jesus has done for us.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

Jesus was headed to the city of _____.

JERUSALEM

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a _____.

DONKEY

People waved _____ branches as Jesus entered the city.

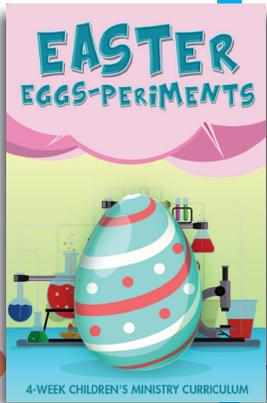
PALM

People shouted, “_____, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

HOSANNA

Jesus is a _____ who left His throne in Heaven to become our Savior.

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MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Easter Eggs-periments Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: COMING KING



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

What preparations have you made in your house for the coming of Easter? Set out some decorations if you have any. Do something to remind you that Jesus came to be our king and our Savior?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did the people greet Jesus like a king when He entered Jerusalem?
- What makes Jesus our king?
- Why does Jesus deserve our praise?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)



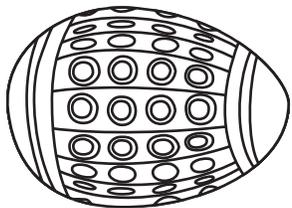
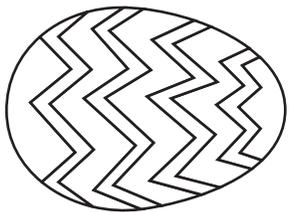
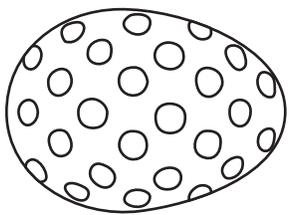
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What you need to know:

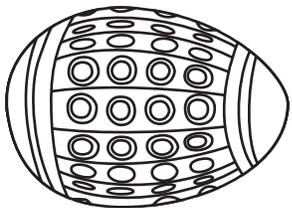
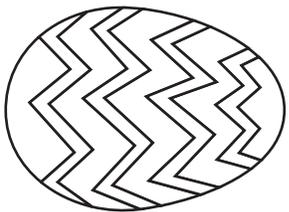
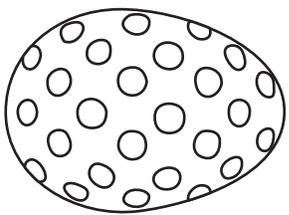
Jesus is our Savior who died for our sins. He is the King of Kings, seated on the throne in Heaven. Teach your kids that at Easter time, we remember how Jesus left His throne to come to Earth and save us from our sins.

CRAFT ACTIVITY

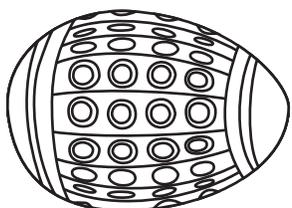
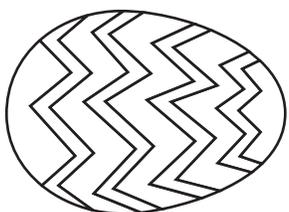
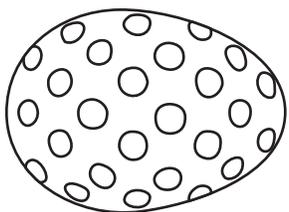
Have the kids make palm branches by drawing a stem with leaves on green construction paper and cutting it out. To make it easier and faster, have the kids fold their paper in half, draw leaves on one side of the page, and cut both halves at the same time.



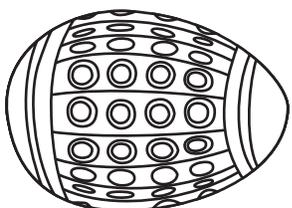
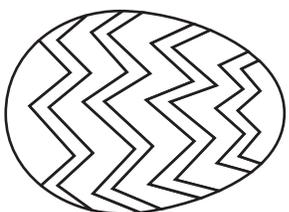
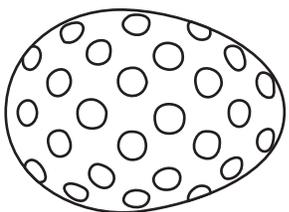
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