



Digital Borrowing Box for 5 April, 2020

Bible Stories:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11 (The Triumphant Entry)

Hello!

We are so pleased you're able to join worship with us online. We have prepared this 'Digital Borrowing Box' with some material to help you and your children dig into the stories for this week. In this, we have included

- A Parent's Brief for you to read before reading Matthew 21:1-11 with your children
- A Word Search and Unscramble tied to Matthew 21:1-11
- A few Activity Ideas for after the service

Additionally, we are launching a **Sunday Club** for some of our **P7-S2s** who might be feeling cooped up and missing their friends! It will be from **1pm-2** to start, with myself and a volunteer or two from the Young Church team online in a Zoom room (*Room Number: 403-383-3163*) so that some of our kids can catch up with each other, and then we'll run a short activity together.

On the recommendation of our Safeguarders, we've put a password on the Zoom Room, which you'll need in order to log your child in to the room. Please text or email me and I'll send it to you.

Before Livestream:

Print off materials (pg 4-5), prepare markers and paper for drawing throughout the service.

During:

Be ready to hand printed materials/paper and markers to kids.

After:

Give some of our activities a try! We've divided them up into Craft, Drama, and Game ideas. As next Sunday is Easter, we included Egg

Decorating. With any of these activities consider sending a photo (with a title!) along to greenbankparish@gmail.com for our 'Lockdown Life' Photo Competition, or post on your social media platforms!

Peace be with you,

Steve Chaffee and the Young Church Team

Parent's Brief: Matthew 21:1-11

The 'Triumphant Entry' is a bit of a paradox! When we start looking at the context of the story, it's hard not to see it. For younger kids, it's totally appropriate for our aim to be that they learn some of the details: Jesus, on a donkey, cloaks on the ground (to keep the dust from getting kicked up), and crowds waving palm branches. As they grow up, we can introduce more and more details. Here are a few I always enjoy remembering:



First, in Matthew's account, *Jesus knows what he's doing*. He's acting like an avant-garde performance artist. It is the week before Passover--the Jewish holiday that goes all the way back to their formative rescue from Egypt. He's gone 'up' to Jerusalem (THE city on a hill), and his choice of the donkey *and the gate* are both important. The author quotes Zechariah 9:9 to explain the donkey. But the *gate* has even more meaning...



Second, at the start of the festival, Pontius Pilate (the Roman-installed governor) would come into Jerusalem too, surrounded by his centurions and legionnaires, riding a warhorse. He entered from the West gate -- the main entrance into the city. Jesus, however, enters from the *East* gate -- on a donkey. The theological message can't be clearer: God's kingdom is totally opposite to that of the Romans (and the Babylonians, and the Egyptians, who were each military superpowers of their eras).

Third, this leads to the really wonderful metaphor of God's kingdom as the 'upside-down' kingdom. Or, as G.K. Chesterton once put it: the 'topsy-turvy' kingdom -- I prefer that one, as it sounds a bit more whimsical! To bring this close: it might not feel triumphant to spend your days indoors, but doing so keeps our hospital staff from getting overloaded. *God is most often found in the most unexpected places* -- rescuing homeless slaves out of Egypt, entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey (not a warhorse!), and, I might say, in our living rooms during lockdown, as we do our part to remember and to tell the story of God.

Jesus And The Triumphant Entry

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PALMS
 JERUSALEM
 HORSE
 CHEERING
 EXCITEMENT
 TEAM
 SPLIT
 JESUS
 TRIUMPHANT
 DISCIPLES
 DONKEY
 CROWDS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1016823/>

Name _____

Date _____

The Triumphant Entry Anagrams

These words have been mixed up. Can you unscramble

sjsue

ampls

rcoswd

meextcitne

gcrheeni

ermejlasu

lscipsdei

lpist

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roehs

ihhtnpruma

eonydk

disciples
cheering
jerusalem
crowds
triumphant
horse

palms
jesus
excitement
donkey
team
split



Activity Ideas:

(Craft) Egg Decorating: Best to save this one for later on in the week, but hard boil some eggs and decorate them with markers, dye, crayons, paper mache -- the sky's the limit!

(Craft) Palm Branches: Using supplies from around the house, make palm branches you can wave to remember the excitement of the crowds as Jesus arrived. If you have the materials for it--paint them or colour them with markers! If you want to be especially punny, make PALM branches like Steve did.

(Drama) Triumphant Entry: Lay blankets down in a hallway or at the bottom of stairs and re-enact Jesus' triumphant entry. Have some members of your family cheer, waving some leafy branches. Then switch roles and let everyone have a chance as Jesus -- try entering *bravely*, *sheepishly*, *confidently*, *calmly* -- or any other way you can think of! You could even make it a game -- let someone enter, but onlookers need to guess *how* they're entering. Bonus points for costumes!

(Game) Is That You, Donkey?: Play 'Marco, Polo', but instead call out 'Donkey' and the person hiding has to BRAY like a donkey. Bonus points for the most convincing bray.