

## Lesson Rhyme

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey. It is the Sunday before Easter. On Easter we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead after they hung him on the cross.

When Jesus rode into the city on a donkey people shouted praises to him and waved palm branches. They said, "Hosanna to the Son of David." They even laid their cloaks on the ground like he was a king.

The people knew about Jesus. They knew he healed people and taught them about God. They thought he was a king who could save them from their enemies, the Romans.

In just a few days the people would change their minds about Jesus. Instead of calling him their savior they would tell the rulers to crucify him. The people didn't understand who Jesus was. They didn't know that Jesus came to save us from our sin and give us eternal life.

## Discussion Questions

Day 1: What is a miracle? What are some miracles Jesus did? Who can do miracles? Who does that show Jesus is?

Day 2: What is a king? How is Jesus a king? How did the people honor Jesus as a king? How should we honor Jesus as our king?

Day 3: What does it mean to praise Jesus? Why should we praise Jesus? How should we praise Jesus? What does it mean to have a cold and dark heart? Why doesn't a person with a cold and dark heart want to praise Jesus?

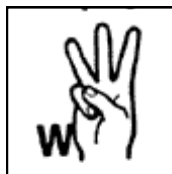
Day 4: What did Jesus say would cause the rocks and stones to cry out with praise? Who should always praise Jesus? Why?

Day 5: What is the gift Jesus has given us? What does that mean?

Day 6: What does Jesus want to do for you? What does that mean? What would keep Jesus from being your king?

## Lesson Rhyme

W—W	Make sign of "W"
Worship	Wave arms in air
Jesus as the king	Make sign of Jesus Put hands together on head like crown
W—W—Worship	Same as above
Let your praises	Cup hands slightly clap together
Ring	Put hands together in front, move back & forth



## In the Beginning—Easter 1

# Who are we to worship?



W—W—Worship  
Jesus as the king  
W—W—Worship  
Let your praises ring

## Day 1

Jesus showed that he is God  
by the miracles he did.  
He gave sight to the blind  
and diseases he did rid.  
He spoke the truth of God  
everywhere he went,  
So many people did believe  
from the Father he was sent.

*Draw a picture of Jesus healing someone.*

## Day 6

What your heart is like  
will affect what you decide.  
Jesus wants to be your king,  
his arms are open wide.  
Don't let your heart be cold and dark,  
worship Jesus as your king.  
“Hosanna to the highest,”  
let your voice with praises ring.

*Draw a picture of a heart.*

John 10:38: <sup>38</sup>But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

Psalms 118:26-28: <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

## Day 5

We must turn our hearts to God  
to see Jesus as our king.  
And understand our need  
for the gift that he does bring.  
That gift is called redemption,  
it rescues us from sin.  
To be right with the Father  
we have to go through him.

*Draw a picture of you and Jesus.*

Luke 19:41-42: 41As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes.

## Day 2

Jerusalem Christ entered,  
on a donkey he did ride.  
It showed he was a humble king,  
not a ruler full of pride.  
Many people were rejoicing,  
when he came to town.  
They greeted him as their king  
and laid palm branches down.

*Draw a picture of Jesus riding on a donkey.*

Luke 19:35-36: 35They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

### Day 3

Some shouted praises to their God  
and Jesus as their king.  
“Hosanna in the highest,”  
their shouts to him did ring.  
But the hearts of many people  
they were cold and very dark.  
“Stop the shouting,” some of them  
to Jesus did remark.

*Draw a picture of people with angry faces.*

### Day 4

Jesus said the rocks and stones  
with praises would cry out,  
If the people didn't sing  
and to God's glory shout.  
Christ created everything,  
to him belongs all praise.  
We should recognize that  
and in worship voices raise.

*Draw a picture of people singing.*

Luke 19:37-39: 37When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:  
38“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

Luke 19:40: 40“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”