

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

BABIES
UNIT 2
SESSION 2

LEADER BIBLE STUDY



CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

The anticipation had been building for years. God's people were waiting, crying out, asking God for deliverance. They were captive in their own land, ruled by a foreign power. For generations, the people asked the Lord to send someone to save them from their oppressors.

Reports began to swirl that the Messiah had arrived. From town to town, word spread that a man was performing miracles and teaching like no one before Him. He was a miracle worker and a master teacher. He healed the people of diseases, the blind regained sight, and the lame walked again. He challenged the religious leaders.

As the people gathered in Jerusalem on the most important week of their religious calendar, news circulated that the Messiah was coming to town, and He was coming today! Jesus was coming just as Zechariah 9:9 predicted: "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The people gathered palm leaves and clothing to line the road before Him. As Jesus began to ride into Jerusalem, they could no longer hold in the praise in their hearts. The Messiah was here!

Some in the crowd had to be thinking, *Our ancestors, our people, have longed for this day. We have waited for this moment. We have looked for it for years. We have sung about it. We have prayed about it. And now, He is here—the Messiah, the Anointed One, the King is here!* The crowd erupted in praise, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

As we begin this Holy Week that marches toward the cross and resurrection, let us join in the worship of Jesus. Let us proclaim: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

TEACHER TIP

Babies can become bored. Change a baby's position often. After being on his back, a baby might like some "tummy time." Consider putting a toy in front of the baby to encourage lifting his head to strengthen neck muscles. Relocate the baby often. Sit her in a swing, lay her on her tummy, or hold her in your arms for one-on-one interaction.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus did everything
God told him to do.

LIFE POINT

Jesus is God's Son.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Matthew 21:1-11;
Mark 11:1-11

BIBLE VERSE

This is Jesus.
Matthew 21:11

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