

Front Door

At Home Storytelling

Entry into the City Mark 11: 1-11

Review:

The teachings and healing of Jesus we have witnessed throughout the gospel of Mark has lead to this event. Many have come to see Jesus as the Messiah, the promised one to save Israel, as demonstrated by this story. Jesus enters the city with praise and triumph, countered by a servants heart (entry on a donkey colt)

The Story:

Prepare for the new story. Remind your children this is our time to listen for God. They will use their imagination to help listen and hear what they story is saying.

Tell the story: Keeping true to the narrative, tell the story with elements of emotion and excitement. Be careful not to edit the text too much. Favorite options for storytelling is read from scripture, summarize from scripture, view storytelling video from, visualize story sequence on a white board.

Retell:

Take the time to have the children re-tell the story they have just heard. Many options exist for this activity, it should remain a child's free choice. Use story props, bulletin board cards, puppets or blocks. Ask your kids to name characters, sequence events and explore notable concepts on their terms.

Notable Take Aways:

Something big is happening, we remember this story to remind us God's love doesn't go away. This story happened a long time ago, yet when we hear and say the word Hosanna we think God is there to help and save all of us.

Words to Know

Messiah - anointed one, the promised one that would restore the community fully back to God.

Passover and Feast of Unleavened bread - A special day (feast or holiday) for the people of Israel to remember the story of how they were saved from slavery in Egypt - Exodus 12

Waving of Palms - The text in Mark does not specifically name the waving of palms, other gospel accounts do. There was a big event happening in the city, like a parade. To celebrate all the festivities the people used what was available around them. Lot of palm trees.

Hosanna - Old timey word that means "God save us"

Resources:

- make your own palm branches - pdf instructions attached to email
- [share more of the story and create holy week in a box](#)