



## Connected: Switch on the power of peace

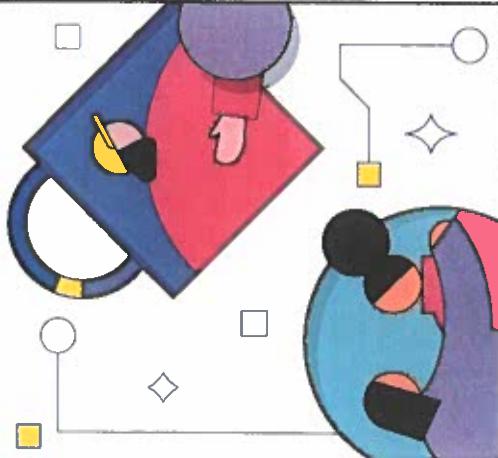
Easter is celebrating that Jesus is alive.

### Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Matthew 21:1-11 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

### Engagement Questions

- What does it feel like when someone doesn't keep their promise?
- Why are promises important?
- How does it make you feel when you think about how God kept the promises to send a Savior?



### Faith and Character Activity

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.



Scan the QR code to get started

### Prayer

"God, thank You so much for loving us. Thank You for giving us Jesus, who came to be our Savior. Help us to understand how big that love is! Give us opportunities to show love and kindness to others as we remember how much You loved us first. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

### MEMORY VERSE

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16, NIV

Weekly Parent Cues →

## Preteen

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



### Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, tell them about a way you've seen them grow and mature.

### Engagement Questions

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### Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "Tell me about a story you've read/listened to lately."



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More Ways to Engage with Your Kid	Faith & Character Activities	Worship Song of the Month	Download the Parent Cue app
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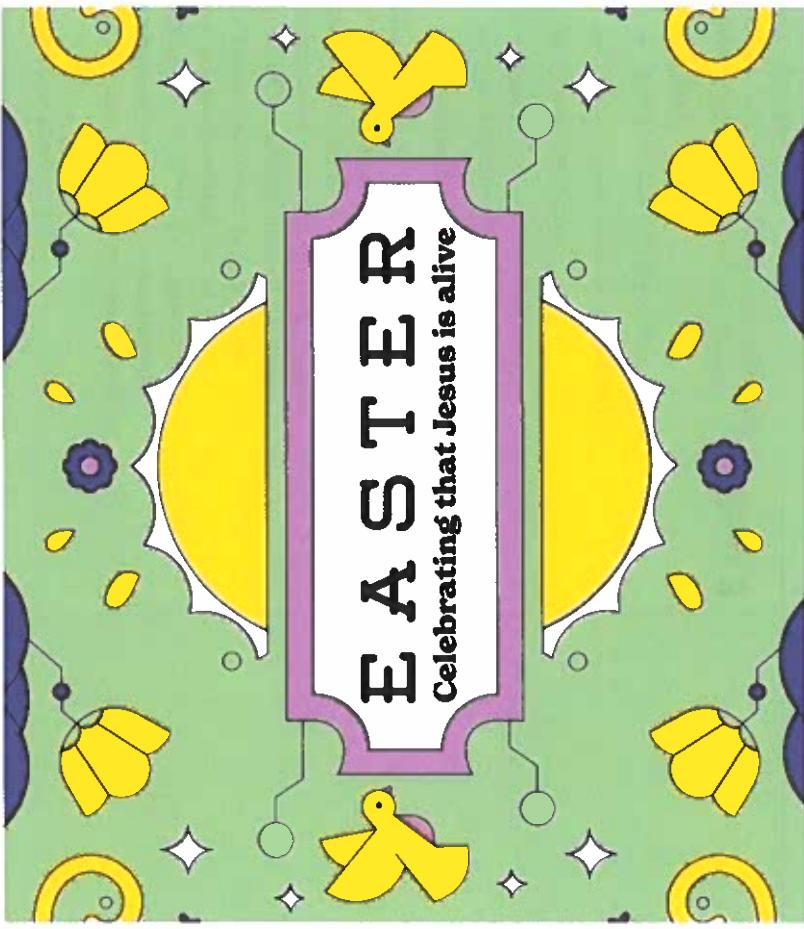
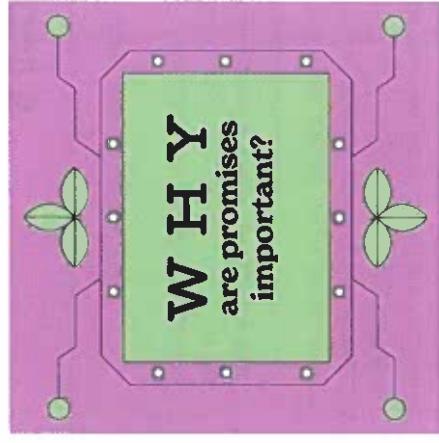


## Journal

March  
2024

Week Four  
Preteen

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



## Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at [parentcue.org/app](http://parentcue.org/app).

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

## Day 2

### Read Matthew 21:1-11

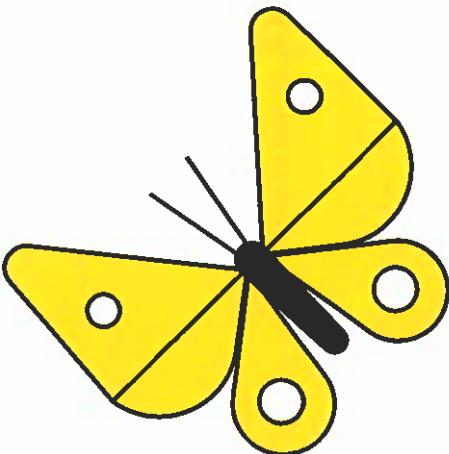
Get a sheet of paper and something to draw with. While you are reading Matthew 21:1-11, as you come across the following words, pause and illustrate that word on the paper, starting on the left side of the sheet and moving across to the right. (The paper should be turned horizontally, with the longest sides on the top and bottom as you draw.)

- Mount/mountain
- Two disciples (stick figures are fine!)
- Donkey and colt
- Coats (show them on the road)
- Tree branches (show them on the road)
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Now, using your drawing as a guide, find someone you can tell the story of Palm Sunday to.

## Day 3

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day that we now call Palm Sunday, the crowds shouted and praised Him, saying,



"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Pick a spot—either inside or outside where you can walk around and say these words of praise as a prayer. Say them a few times, slowly, paying attention to each word and thinking about two things: 1) What those words must have meant to the people in Jerusalem that day as they worshipped Jesus, and 2) What those words mean to you as you speak them out loud to God now.

## Day 4

### Why are promises important?

How does it feel when someone keeps a promise they made to you? What if they made the promise a long time ago—do you ever doubt they will keep it? The more time that passes, the more you begin to doubt they will even remember their promise, much less keep it.

Find a friend or family member to talk with about promises. Each of you should share stories of when someone didn't keep their promise to you. How did that make you feel? And when someone did keep a promise they made to you, what did that do in your friendship?

When Jesus came to be our Savior, it was the fulfillment of a promise God had made hundreds of years earlier. • A promise to make everything right in the world. There must have been so many times that God's people doubted the promise would ever come true. But God always had a plan, and that plan always included keeping the promise.

Because God had made this promise to the world, when Jesus **came to be our Savior**, it showed us that we can trust God no matter what!

## Day 5

**Jesus came to be our Savior.**

For people who follow Jesus, Easter is pretty much the best day on the calendar—when we celebrate that Jesus came to be our Savior.

There are a lot of other things around Easter that can sometimes crowd out that good news that **Jesus came to be our Savior**. Unscramble the words below to find some of those things.

AEREST GEG  
LCEOCHATO  
SRETAE BTEASK  
ERETAS YBNUN  
CDYNA  
ILSLELI  
GGE HNTU  
CKIHSC

Chocolate eggs, bunnies, Easter baskets... None of these are bad things and are fun traditions to do, but we need to keep them from distracting us from the real meaning of Easter.

For the remaining days until Easter passes, every time you see a cute bunny or taste a chocolate egg, enjoy it while you remember what Easter is all about: that **Jesus came to be our Savior**.

**Jesus and His friends were traveling to Jerusalem.**

Before they arrived, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead to find a donkey and her colt and bring them back. The disciples did what Jesus asked and brought back the donkey and her colt.

The crowds gathered to see Jesus! They were so excited. They WAVED their palm branches. Wave those branches, friends.

They tossed down their coats to make a path for Jesus. As Jesus walked by, they shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Can you say that as you wave your palm branches? "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

*Hosanna* means, "Save us, we pray." It's a way to praise or cheer for Jesus! Everyone say, "Yay, Jesus!" And that's what they did. The crowds cheered! They knew that Jesus was the Savior God had promised.

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**What to Do:**  
Print on paper, one for each Small Group.

**"Palm Sunday Retelling" Activity Page**  
March 2024, Week 4, Small Group K-1  
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1. Jesus taught and healed people as He traveled across the land. (true)
2. Jesus' friends stopped on the Mount of Gapes. (*false: They stopped on the Mount of Olives.*)
3. Jesus became more and more popular and the religious leaders encouraged and supported Him. (*false: The religious leaders became upset/were afraid of losing their power/wanted to get rid of Jesus.*)
4. Jesus told His disciples to go ahead of Him and bring Him back a donkey and her colt. (true)
5. The prophet Zachary described a king who would ride in on a donkey's colt. (*false: The prophet's name was Zechariah.*)
6. As Jesus rode in, people tossed down their coats and palm branches to make a path for Jesus. (true)
7. The crowd shouted, "Hosanna! . . . Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9, NIV). (true)
8. Jesus rode in on a horse, showing Himself to be the Savior who God had promised. (*false: Jesus rode in on a donkey's colt.*)
9. God promised to send a Savior, and did. (true)
10. God will never make a promise and break it. (true)

1. Look up Micah 5:2, and fill in the blanks: There will be a ruler over \_\_\_\_\_ who comes from the town of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look up Isaiah 9:6-7, and fill in the blanks: The One being sent to reign forever will be called \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Look up Zechariah 9:9-10, and fill in the blanks: The King will come riding on a \_\_\_\_\_, and will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations.
4. Look up 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-13, and fill in the blanks: God spoke to \_\_\_\_\_, and told him about the kingdom that would last \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Look up John 3:16, and fill in the blanks: \_\_\_\_\_ is the only way to have \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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Print on paper, one for every two kids.