



## TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Matthew 21:1-11

**FOCUS VERSES:** Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25-26;  
Romans 6:23; Acts 16:31

**Summary:** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah that said the coming King, or Messiah, would humbly enter on a donkey. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowds spread cloaks and branches and shouted "Hosanna!" to honor Him. The people celebrated that Jesus was the King God promised!



### MONTHLY Memory Verse

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**(JOHN 15:9)**



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**ME**

#### HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

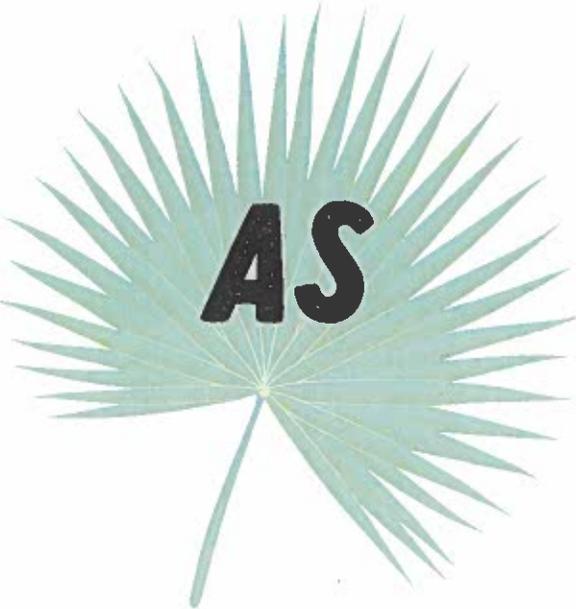


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OLDER ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP  
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 <p><b>FATHER</b></p>	 <p><b>HAS</b></p>

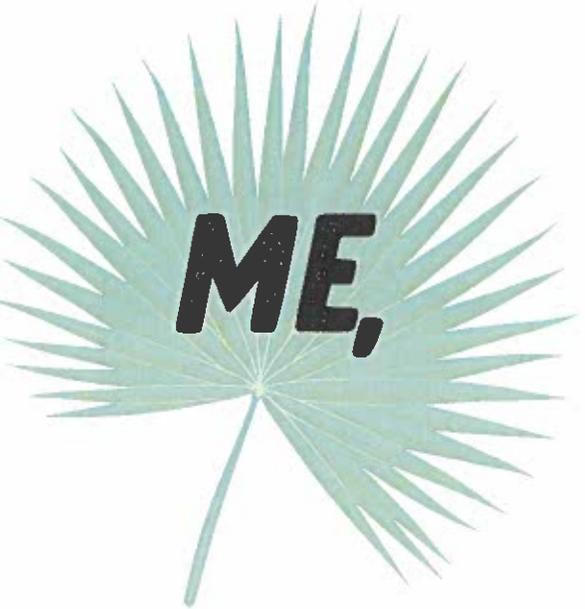
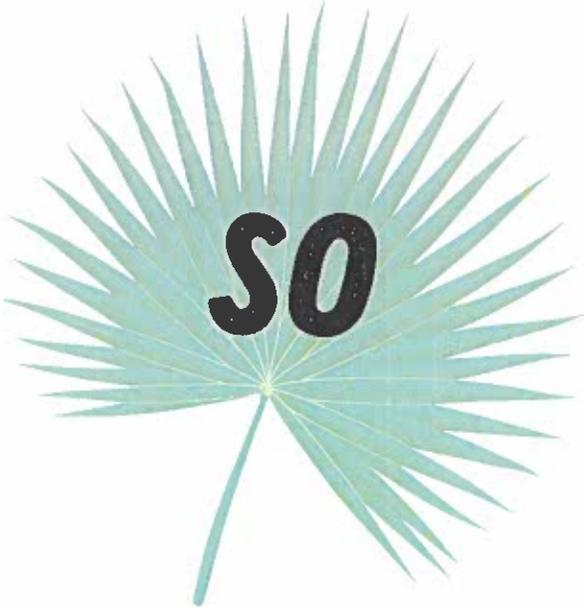


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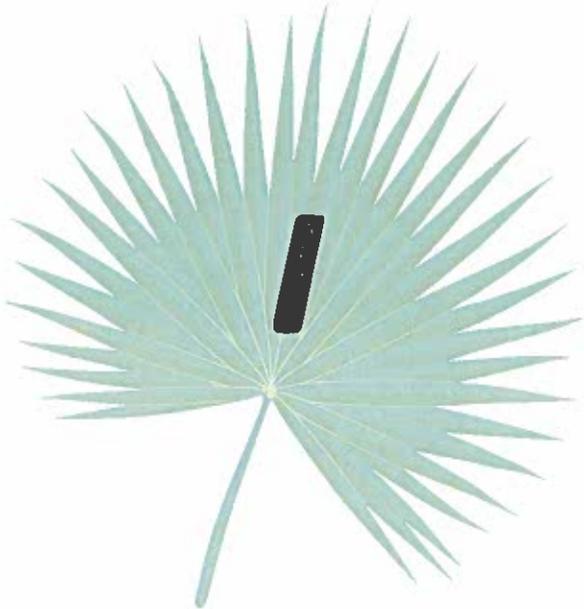
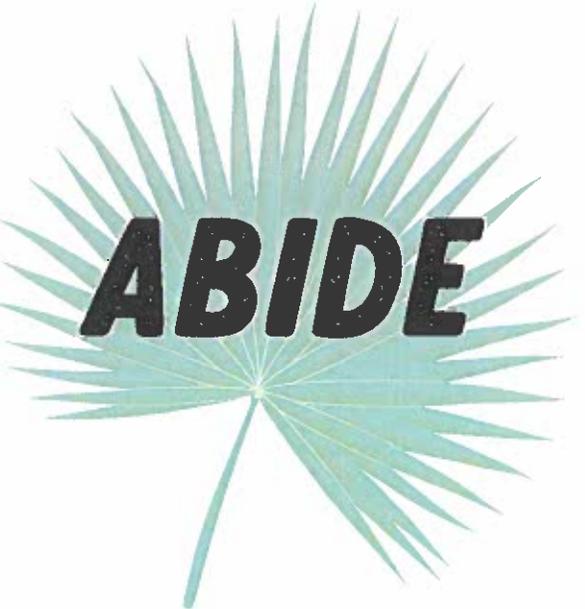


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 <p><b>YOU.</b></p>	 <p><b>ABIDE</b></p>

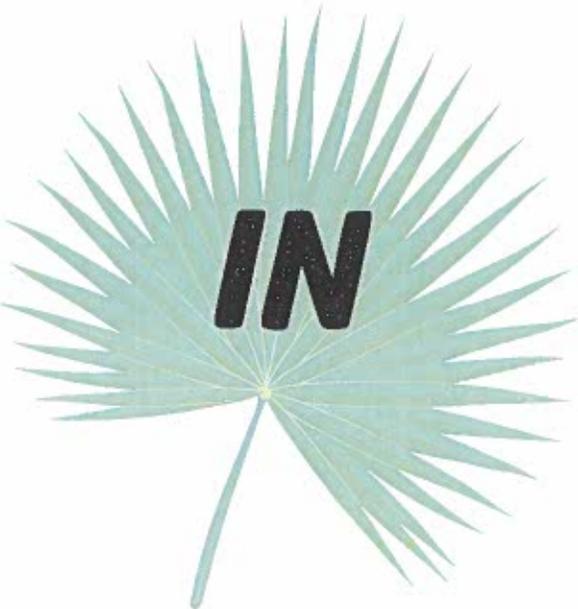
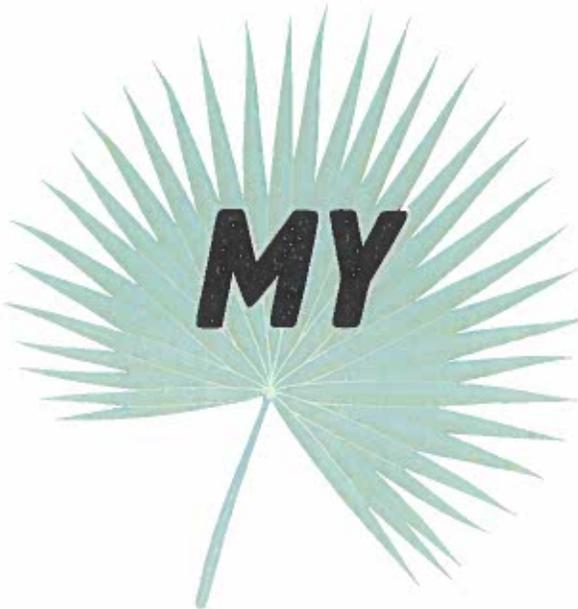
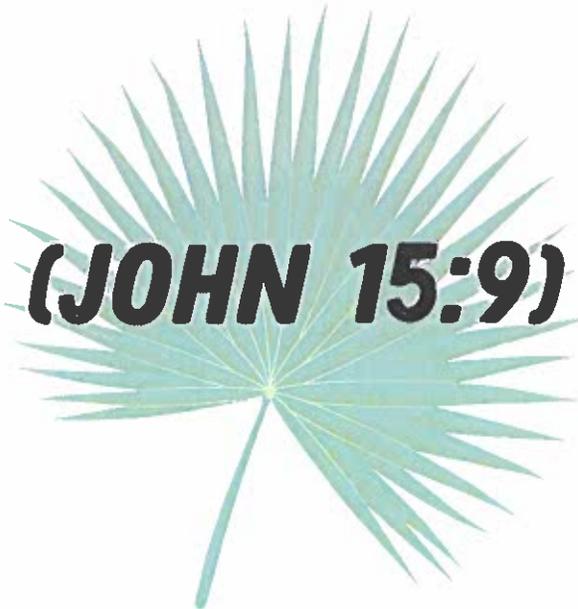


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 <p><b>LOVE.</b></p>	 <p><b>(JOHN 15:9)</b></p>



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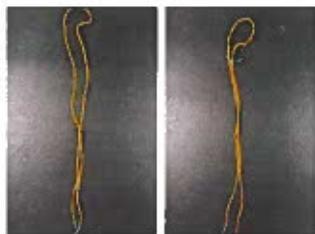
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<p><b>ZECHARIAH</b> <b>9:9</b></p>	<p><b>MATTHEW</b> <b>21:1-4</b></p>
<p><b>PSALM</b> <b>118:25-26</b></p>	<p><b>MATTHEW</b> <b>21:9</b></p>



# KEYCHAIN INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fold the string in half.



2. Put both of the string ends through the keyring. Pull until the center of the string is near the ring.



3. Put the string ends of the cording through the loop, pull through and tighten.



4. Thread both ends of the string through beads. (First grey, then red, clear, yellow, and green).



5. To secure the beads, tie a double knot at the end then trim any extra string off.

6. Enjoy your keychain and share the Gospel message with others!



## KEYCHAIN REMINDERS

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### KEYCHAIN COLOR GUIDE



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# TAKE-HOME

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DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

## CHOOSE YOUR Challenge

- Memorize John 15:9 by putting it to a melody.
- Use modeling dough to sculpt Jesus riding a donkey and tell your parents about Jesus' triumphant entry.
- Draw pictures of palm branches and write praises to Jesus on them.

SCAN ME!

FOR AT-HOME DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



## NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

Praise of others can be a tough topic for kids. We can help kids view this topic through the lens of Scripture. Learn more about this and how to have a conversation at home here:

[Britecurriculum.com/tough-topics](https://Britecurriculum.com/tough-topics)



WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

**FIND THE ITEMS**

Find the items in the picture:

apple, star, feather, cross, carrot



**FINISH THE PICTURE**

Instructions:

Draw one line and then pass to a friend.

They will add a line and pass it back.

Continue until you have drawn a whole picture!



# HEY, FAMILIES!

This month's theme is:



Here's what we're learning:



## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

*As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you.  
Abide in My love. (John 15:9)*

### THE PRODIGAL SON

(Luke 15:11-24)

Week 1

**Brite Idea:** Jesus never stops loving us.

**He Question:** Can there be an end to God's love?

*God is love. His love is not based on anything we do or don't do. It never ends and never gives up.*

**We Question:** Does God care about people who are far from Him?

*God loves every single person. He wants people who are far from Him to turn away from sin, return to Him and trust in Jesus as Savior.*

### THE TEN LEPERS

(Luke 17:11-19)

Week 2

**Brite Idea:** Jesus loves everyone.

**He Question:** Is there anyone Jesus doesn't love?  
*Jesus loves every single person, no matter who they are and what they've done. Even if the whole world rejects someone, Jesus loves them.*

**We Question:** How can we respond to Jesus' love?

*We can respond to Jesus with praise and gratefulness for all He does for us.*

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Week 3

**Brite Idea:** Jesus came to save us.

**He Question:** Why did the people celebrate Jesus?

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**We Question:** Why do we need to be saved?

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### CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

(Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18)

Week 4

**Brite Idea:** Jesus loves what is right.

**He Question:** How is Jesus righteous?  
*Jesus is completely good and does nothing wrong. He loves what is right and always follows God's way.*

**We Question:** Is God angry when we sin?

*Sin does make God angry because He is righteous, but He always loves us. When we trust in Jesus as Savior, He takes our sin and gives us His righteousness. God sees the righteousness of Jesus in us.*

### JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS

(Luke 22:1-6, 39-53; John 13:1-17)

Week 5

**Brite Idea:** Jesus loves us while we are still sinners.

**He Question:** Does Jesus know what we do?  
*Jesus knows everything about us, including everything we think, say and do, yet He still loves us.*

**We Question:** How does Jesus feel about us when we sin?

*Jesus loves us always, no matter what. However, because He loves us, He wants us to ask forgiveness and seek to live life His way.*

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# FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY REMEMBER & RESPOND	MONDAY WONDER & DISCUSS	TUESDAY EXPLORE	WEDNESDAY REVIEW	THURSDAY PUT INTO PRACTICE	FRIDAY & SATURDAY PREPARE AHEAD
<p><b>WEEK 1</b> ..... Jesus never stops loving us. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Psalm 136:1 What can we give thanks to God for today?</p>	<p>Make paper bag puppets of the people and animals from the story. Put on a puppet show together retelling the story.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 15:9</b> Who is "the Father" in this verse?</p>	<p>Have a competition to see who can create the longest snake out of modeling dough while you discuss God's unending love.</p>	<p>Make some heart-shaped cookies together. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Luke 17:11-19 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p><b>WEEK 2</b> ..... Jesus loves everyone. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> 1 John 3:1a What has the Father given to us?</p>	<p>Tape as many bandages to a blank piece of paper as you can in one minute.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 15:9</b> Whom does Jesus love?</p>	<p>Brainstorm a tangible way to show love to your neighbor(s). Choose one day this week to carry it out.</p>	<p>Play a couple rounds of hopscotch together. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Matthew 21:1-11 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p><b>WEEK 3</b> ..... Jesus came to save us. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> John 3:16 Why did Jesus come to save us?</p>	<p>One at a time, have each family member make a grand entrance into dinner.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 15:9</b> How does Jesus show His love?</p>	<p>Paint a picture of a cross together and hang it somewhere visible once it dries.</p>	<p>Blow up some balloons and try to keep them in the air. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Matthew 21:12-17 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p><b>WEEK 4</b> ..... Jesus loves what is right. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Psalm 103:8-10 How is the Lord full of love?</p>	<p>Go through your toys and clean out some of the old or broken ones.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 15:9</b> In our story, how did God show His love?</p>	<p>Play store together and create prices and practice giving the correct change back.</p>	<p>Have a movie and popcorn night. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Luke 22:1-6, 39-53; John 13:1-17 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p><b>WEEK 5</b> ..... Jesus loves us while we are still sinners. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Romans 5:8 How did God demonstrate His love for us?</p>	<p>Play a game of Uno™ together. Discuss God's forgiveness.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 15:9</b> How can we stay close to God?</p>	<p>Write or draw your praises to God for His love and tape them to the wall.</p>	<p>Put on some upbeat music and have a dance party. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Mark 15:21-16:8 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>

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