

SPRING 2026

Unit 1, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus is King and Messiah.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In today's passage, we see Jesus riding a donkey as He heads toward Jerusalem on the Sunday before His crucifixion. Two descriptions stand out about Jesus in these verses: King and Messiah. In American culture today, these terms are not often used. Yet, for the believer, they carry a lot of weight. Jesus is both King and Messiah, and He had to be both.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

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

Live It Out: Use spare time to praise Jesus with your preschooler. Sing simple praise songs such as "God Is So Good." Tell your child, "Jesus is God's Son."

Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two disciples to the next village. He told them to find a donkey and her colt there and to bring them to Him.

The disciples found the donkeys and brought them to Jesus.

The disciples laid their coats on the donkey's back. Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem.

Many people saw Jesus riding into town. Some of them spread their coats on the road, and others cut leafy branches from trees and placed them on the road.

As they walked with Him or stood and watched Him ride by, the people shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!"

Some people in the crowd asked, "Who is this?" Jesus' followers replied, "This is Jesus from Nazareth."

KIDS

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

Live It Out: Help your child find passages that confirm Jesus is the Messiah. Look up the references and read them together. God sent His Son, Jesus.

As they were nearing Jerusalem, Jesus told two disciples, "Go into the village ahead. You will find a young donkey tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, you should say that the Lord needs it."

The disciples did as Jesus said. They found the donkey in the street. The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They threw their clothes over it, and Jesus climbed on.

A very large crowd was waiting on Jesus when He rode into Jerusalem. They all wanted to see Him because they knew about all the miracles Jesus had done. Some people spread their clothes on the road. Others cut leafy branches from trees to put on the road. The crowd went ahead of Jesus and some followed behind Him. They joyfully shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

STUDENTS

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

- Do you listen closely to Jesus and follow His leading? What does this look like in your daily life?
- Jesus came to do what only He could do. Why is this important to believe?
- Do you agree with the statement that our actions reveal who we serve? Why or why not?

Live It Out:

Jesus is both King and Messiah, and He will return one day. Some people will be ready for His return, and others will not. Ask your student how he or she thinks people would respond if Jesus were to show up at school tomorrow. How could your student share the truth about Jesus being King and Messiah with friends and peers, knowing He will return some day?