

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





LESSON 7

Crowds Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem

Psalm 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

Jesus told his disciples exactly what to do. They were to go into the village and bring back a donkey and her colt. Jesus even told them what to say if anyone asked why they were taking the donkey and colt. Jesus told them to say that the Lord needs them, and then the owner would send them right away.

Why a donkey? Well, it was important because of what the prophet Zechariah had said long before Jesus was even born. He said that the king would come to them "riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples did what Jesus told them to do. They went into town, found a donkey and her colt, and brought them back to Jesus. They placed their coats on the donkey and her colt, and Jesus sat on the coats.

Then the crowd of people placed their coats and branches on the road in front of Jesus and started shouting praises: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

These people knew Jesus was God's Son!

When he entered Jerusalem that day, the people highly honored and praised Jesus. We can praise Jesus, too, for all that he does and for who he is.

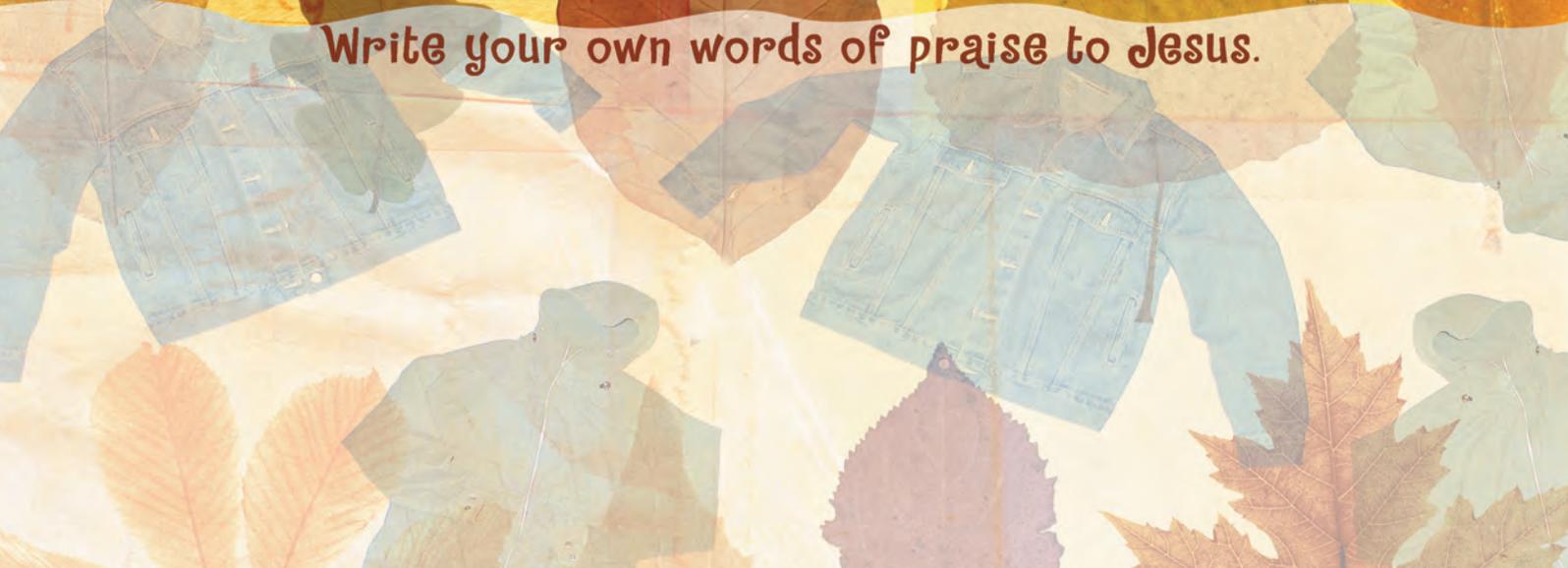
Bible Point: We praise Jesus.

Key Verse: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12).



Jesus Deserves MY Praise

Write your own words of praise to Jesus.



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Revelation 4:11

What can you learn from this praise exclamation?

TUESDAY Psalm 9:11

What types of things can we say when we praise Jesus?

WEDNESDAY Psalm 33:1-3

What's one great way to praise Jesus? When can you do this?

THURSDAY Psalm 67:5-7

What are some possible results of praising Jesus?

FRIDAY 2 Chronicles 20:20-22

What mighty things has God done in your life when you've praised him?

SATURDAY Psalm 35:28

When can you praise Jesus?

Family Praise

Draw the trunk of a palm tree on a piece of paper. Create palm branches for the tree from green construction paper.

Throughout the week, write on the palm branches the things you do this week to praise Jesus, and keep adding branches to the tree trunk. Then see how full your tree is at the end of the week. See if you can fill the tree full of praises!



Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Pray for two minutes every morning after waking up, praising Jesus for all he does for you.
- Think about the Key Verse on your Bible Truth Sleuth page and give thanks in prayer for Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain and came back to life.
- Listen to at least one praise song a day and sing along.



- What things (actions) have you done that praise Jesus?
- Why do you praise Jesus?
- What helps remind you to praise Jesus?



Thank you, Jesus!