

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.

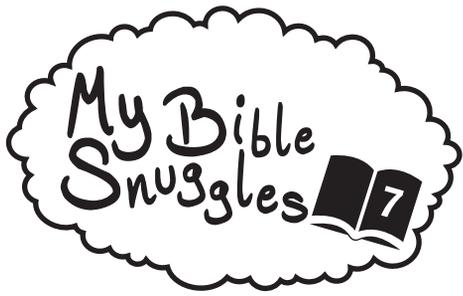
If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

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.

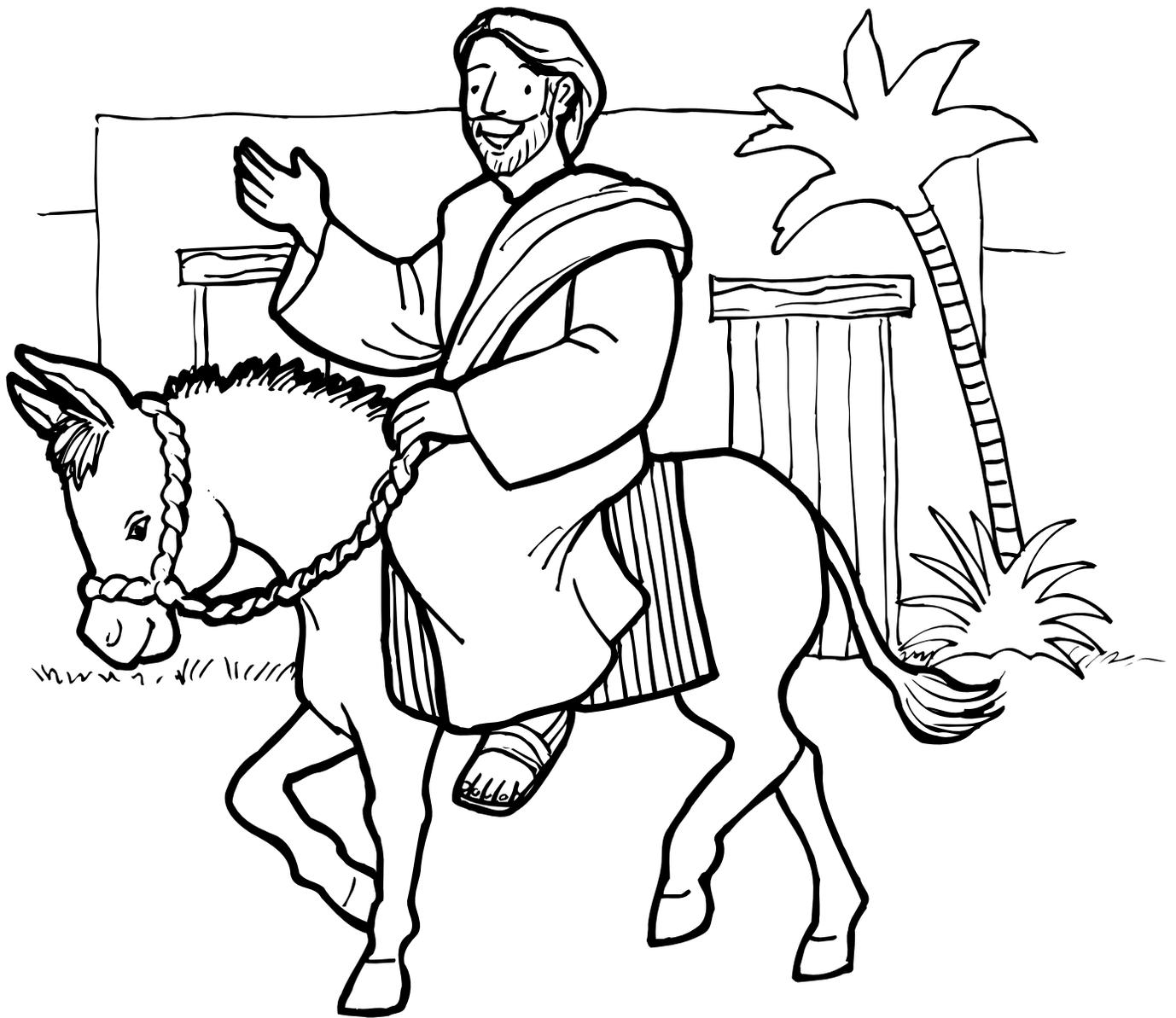
God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





Jesus Arrives!





Growing With Jesus

Your child learned that we praise Jesus (from Matthew 21:1-11). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

This Is the Way

Lay your baby on his or her back. Say this action rhyme. As you do, gently hold your baby's arms and help him or her do the motions.

This is the way we praise the Lord, *(raise baby's hands above head)*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! *(clap baby's hands together)*

This is the way we praise the Lord, *(raise baby's hands above head)*

Each and every morning. *(clap baby's hands together)*

Repeat the rhyme, but instead of raising baby's arms, help your baby kick his or her legs in the air.



Help your child become a FaithWeaver with these ideas:

- When you tuck your child into bed, remind him or her of something praiseworthy he or she did that day.
- Let your child choose a couple of safe utensils from your kitchen drawers (such as wooden spoons). Make up praise to say to Jesus as you use the utensils as noisemakers.

TODDLER

Praise Bottle Band

Find a noisemaker toy or something that rattles around your home.

Say: **The people praised Jesus with palm branches and happy shouting when he came to their town.**

Have your child shake the noisemaker and march around the room as you say:

Jesus entered into town, Riding on a donkey. Ho-ho-hosanna, Ho-ho-hosanna, Ho-ho-hosanna! Let's shout our praise to Jesus!

2-YEAR-OLD

Practicing Praise

Say: **The people praised Jesus by laying down their coats and waving palm branches. We can praise Jesus, too.** Tell your child that he or she is going to practice praising Jesus. Instruct your child to wave his or her hands as you say:

Jesus entered into town, Riding on a donkey. Ho-ho-hosanna, Ho-ho-hosanna, Ho-ho-hosanna! Let's shout our praise to Jesus!



Praise Pointers

If a child lives in a home where praise is given freely, he or she learns to praise. More importantly, a child who grows up hearing Jesus' name being praised daily learns early to appreciate and praise God. Praising God even when things aren't going smoothly teaches a child to praise unconditionally. A child can learn to praise God not because of what God provides, but simply because God deserves our praise.