

Discipleship Tools

In a season of live streaming and canceled children's programs, may the following questions and activities guide you in helping your children apply the sermon.

Luke 19:28-48 (Palm Sunday)

If you miss the live stream, you can view the sermon [here](#).

Sermon Discussion

Preschool

1. Jesus rode a donkey to show us his gentleness. What does it mean to be gentle? What is a way you can be gentle like Jesus?
2. Jesus cried when he saw a city full of people he loved that didn't love God. Is God sad when we don't love him or others well? How do we love God? How do we love people? What can we do when we realize we haven't been very loving?
3. Jesus was angry when he saw people were not treating God's house with honor. What do you think makes God angry? What can we do when we realize we have sinned? How does Jesus help us with our sin?

Younger Kids

1. Jesus rode into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, and the people were celebrating that their Blessed King had come. Does the way that Jesus presents himself to the people of Jerusalem say something about the way he presents Himself to us? How do you feel knowing that Jesus is a gentle King?
2. Jesus is a peaceful King, but he was sorrowful that there were many people who did not believe in Him. Does it make you sad that there are still people in the world who don't believe in Jesus? How can we share the peace that Jesus gives us so that they can rejoice with us? Who in your life is dealing with sorrow, and how can you pray for them?
3. Knowing that Jesus was sorrowful and gentle, isn't it surprising that he could also be severe enough to go into the temple and flip tables? Why did Jesus do that? What was his motivation for correcting the sin of the people in the temple? Jesus cared a lot about how God is worshipped!

Older Kids

1. Can you think of a time when you wanted to talk to someone but they weren't accessible? How did it make you feel? Why is it so important/encouraging that Jesus is accessible to us?
2. Pastor Tony said that the attributes of Jesus described in this passage are unpopular.
 - A. Why do you think people are uncomfortable with the idea of Jesus being gentle? Why do you think Luke emphasizes this characteristic of Jesus? What does Jesus' gentleness teach us about God?
 - B. Why do you think people are uncomfortable with the idea of Jesus being sorrowful? Why do you think Luke emphasizes this characteristic of Jesus? What does Jesus' sorrow in this passage teach us about God?
 - C. Why do you think people are uncomfortable with the idea of Jesus being severe? Why do you think Luke emphasizes this characteristic of Jesus? What does Jesus' severity with the money changers in the temple teach us about God?

Christ Connection

How does this text point us to Jesus?

Preschool: Jesus is God, so this text shows us who God is! God is gentle because he is our loving Father. God is sad when people don't want to be in his family. God is severe against sin.

Elementary: Jesus was gentle, sorrowful and severe before his crucifixion. The good news today is that sinners and sufferers can have everlasting peace through Jesus Christ, the crucified, risen, reigning and returning King who is gentle and accessible and who will someday remove all sorrow and pain completely.

Video to Watch

[The Triumphal Entry Video¹](#)

Activity

Younger Kids: Make Palm Fronds

Make palm fronds out of green construction paper and popsicle sticks. One of our favorites is the [handprint palm branches](#), but you can find many others on the web. Act out the triumphal entry.

Older Kids: Research Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecies²

During Jesus triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your king is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9)

Look up the following OT prophecies and the corresponding verses that show Jesus fulfilled that prophecy. Jesus fulfilled many other prophecies too. If you want to find out what they are, do some research by yourself or with a family member. Share what you learn with a friend or a neighbor!

<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
He Came from Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
He would heal the deaf and blind	Isaiah 35:4-6	Luke 7:22
He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 26:15
He would be buried in a rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-58

Bonus Resources

[Preschool Activity Page](#)

[Elementary Activity Page](#)

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