

JESUS WE WELCOME YOU

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read John 12:12-19 & Luke 19:28-38

LESSON:

This story has a very deep meaning. The Jews for many years eagerly awaited the coming of the Messiah. They thought that He would come as a warrior, a king who would bring justice through a war. So when Jesus appeared with a message of love and peace, they did not accept Him as the Messiah or as the Son of God, and they rejected it immediately. The Jewish leaders, although they spoke and taught about the law and the scriptures, however, did not know the essence, the powerful weapon of the Father: love. In fact Jesus came to confront his hearts with just this and they didn't like it. The truth is that Jesus came to bring us His kingdom of light, to save us and give us eternal life, just as had been prophesied about Him. He had an agenda given by the Father much greater than what the Jews interpreted. . This teaches us that it is not good to interpret the word of God according to what suits us or what we desire. It is better to let Jesus through his Spirit show us the designs of his kingdom. Whether we like it or not. For example, when He entered Jerusalem, despite being the Messiah, he did not do so like the important people of the time. In those times kings and generals entered on horseback as a symbol of power, royalty, strength, war or victory. Jesus chooses to enter the city riding a young donkey as a symbol of peace and humility. He did not come to fight with people, nor foment hatred. He came to give himself for us, promoting love, forgiveness, and peace. He came so that everyone: rich, poor, men, women, old, young, children, sick, healthy, sinners, righteous, Jews, Gentiles or any race, may have access to the Father and be saved. Those who did accept Jesus as the Messiah received him by throwing over their cloaks and palm branches as a sign of service & surrender. Palm leaves in turn symbolized immortality and victory. With this, Jesus shows us that He had already conquered and that he was immortal. What a beautiful display of love, honor and surrender. The people that day with their actions prophetically announced the victory and recognized him as their King. A true praise composed of obedience, surrender, and exaltation. Likewise, this day we can go through our neighborhood welcoming Jesus and praying that our neighbors also have an encounter with Him. Take this time to praise Him and intercede for the neighborhood where God placed you. Declare victory and the arrival of the King of Kings Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

- What animal did Jesus ride to enter Jerusalem?
- What did people do when Jesus passed by them?
- What is God speaking to you as you read this story?

ACTIVITY:

GO AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP.
WELCOME JESUS AND PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS.
WHEN YOU RETURN, PARTICIPATE IN A BOARD GAME.

MATERIALS:

Car, flags, praise songs, tambourines, and board game.

MONDAY

