Main Point
God is faithful to keep His promises

Lesson Summary
Jesus is celebrated as He enters Jerusalem the week before Passover. Jesus fulfills all the prophecies about the Messiah - the promised rescuer.

Discussion Questions
1. Why had many Israelites traveled to Jerusalem? (to celebrate Passover)
2. What did the disciples find in the village? (a young donkey)
3. Why was the donkey and important part of this story? (It was prophesized that the Messiah would come gentle, riding on a donkey.)
4. Which prophet said Jesus would come, riding on a donkey? (Zechariah)
5. What did Jesus saw would praise him if the disciples were quiet? (the rocks)
6. Who is faithful to their promises? (God is faithful to keep His promises.)
7. Who is Jesus? (The Son of God, the Promised Messiah, the one who saves us from our sin.)
8. What can we do, particularly during this time leading up to Easter, to celebrate Jesus?

Family Activity: Rock and Roll Praise
Provide everyone in the family with a sheet of paper and a pencil. Have everyone write a praise to God on their paper and wad it into a ball. (Each person can do more than one, in fact, I encourage that!). Have everyone stand in a line and try to roll their “rocks” to the other side of the room to see who can get it the farthest. Then everyone will run to any rock, open up the paper, and read aloud the praise. (You can also play several fun games with the “rocks”: rolling them, throwing them, shooting them in a basket, etc. HAVE FUN!)

SAY: People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King. When the people praised him, the religious leaders told Jesus to make them stop. Jesus told the religious leaders that if the people did not praise Him, the rocks and stones would sing praises instead! God is faithful to keep His promises. He promised that He would send a Savior and Messiah – that savior is Jesus!
Journey to Jerusalem

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze to remember that Jesus rode a donkey to get to Jerusalem.

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 10:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:
- Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from our sin.

BIBLE STORY:
JESUS’ TRIUMPHAL ENTRY
- Jesus traveled to Jerusalem on a young donkey, just as Scripture prophesied.
- People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.
- The religious leaders wanted people to stop praising Jesus.
- Jesus knew that He deserved their praise.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:
- What kind of King did the people expect Jesus to be?
- What kind of King is Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:
- Recruit your kids to help with yard work. Collect branches from the bushes or trees around your home and hold a mini parade, waving the branches. Take turns being the “guest of honor” and walking on the branches.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 20, Session 1
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