

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

1. Where did Jesus' disciples find the young donkey?
(tied up as soon as they entered the village, Matt. 21:2)
2. What did people spread on the ground for Jesus to ride over?
(coats and palm branches, Mark 11:8)
3. What did Jesus say to the religious leaders who wanted Jesus' disciples to be quiet? *("If they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out"; Luke 19:40)*
4. Why is it important that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey instead of a powerful warhorse? *Guide kids to see that Jesus' riding a donkey fulfilled Old Testament prophecy and signaled the kind of kingdom Jesus had come to establish. Remind kids that Jesus taught about serving, not being served, and that He lived out His teachings by giving His life so we could live.*
5. How will Jesus' second coming be different from His first? How will it be the same? *Guide kids to find and read Revelation 19:11-16. Discuss how Jesus' first coming brought about the defeat of sin and death, and His second coming will mark the end of all sin everywhere and the complete fixing of the brokenness of the world. Point out that Jesus was King even when He came humbly, but one day He will come as a conqueror.*
6. How does knowing about Jesus' first and second coming help us live courageously? *Help kids see that Jesus has defeated sin and will one day fix everything broken. We have life in Christ now and future hope for a perfect eternal life with God forever.*

SAY • People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

Jesus defeated sin and death a week later when He died and rose again. One day, Jesus will return as our King and fix everything broken in the world.

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.