



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#E1 - The Messiah Comes
Matthew 21:1-17

PICTURES NEEDED

E1-1 Jesus riding into Jerusalem

NURSERY CONCEPT

The people praised Jesus as king when he rode on a donkey.

LESSON CONTENT

Show the visual. (Picture E1-1)

What is this a picture of?

Next Sunday is Easter. On Easter we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead after he died on the cross. This Sunday we call Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey.

When Jesus rode into the city on a donkey people shouted praises to him and waved palm branches. They said, "Hosanna to the Son of David." They even laid their cloaks on the ground like he was a king.

The people knew about Jesus. They knew he healed people and taught them about God. They thought he was a king who could save them from their enemies, the Romans. In just a few days the people would change their minds about Jesus. Instead of calling him their savior they would tell the rulers to crucify him. The people didn't understand who Jesus was. They didn't know that Jesus came to save us from our sin and give us eternal life.

QUESTIONS

What did the people do when Jesus rode into the city on a donkey?
Why did they do that? What would the people do to Jesus in a few days?
Why would they do that?

PRAYER

Thank Jesus that he is God and came to die for our sin. Pray that you would learn to praise him as you should.

BIG QUESTION

How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah?
Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

CONCEPT MOVEMENTS

The people praised Jesus	Wave hands in the air.
As king	Put hands on top of head like a crown
when he rode on a donkey.	Make motions like riding a horse

COLORING

Color in the lesson picture on the class notes.

ACTIVITY

Name the picture in the boxes on the back of the class notes.

LESSON SONG

Praise Ye the Lord!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord!
Repeat three times, with each verse getting faster