

Family Worship Response **Elementary**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, the Israelites recognized Him as King. The problem was, they didn't know what kind of king He was. We, however, have the privilege of knowing Jesus for who He really is: The King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Directions: As a family, turn on some softer music, grab a notebook and pen, and answer the following questions about Jesus is King. Have someone pray that the Holy Spirit would teach the meaning of Jesus as King!

Questions to processes:

- Where in your life do you see Jesus as the mighty King of Kings?
- How does it make you feel to know He rules over everything and everyone?
- Are there areas of your life you need to submit to Jesus, your King?
- Take a few moments to talk to God about these things. Then, when you're ready, you can respond to Him as you worship Jesus as our powerful and loving King.

Family Discussion

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God Statement: Jesus is King!

Family Verse: Psalms 34:4-5 'I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. '

Blessing: *You can use this blessing, or you can speak your own blessing over your family.* May you trust Jesus to be King in your life. May you know that you can call out to Him and He will save you. May you know that the King of heaven and earth loves you and cares for you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus ride on a donkey? Read Matthew 21:1-5; John 12:14-15 (riding in on a donkey would fulfill a prophecy and would reveal Him as King. Back in Bible times, donkeys symbolized humility and peace. Jesus was indeed the true King—but He came in peace.)
2. Why did the people wave palm branches? (Palm branches symbolized victory)
3. What did the people expect the Messiah to do? (They expected a warrior king to ride in on a huge, powerful horse and beat the bad guys)
4. What kind of king is Jesus? Read Revelation 1:5 (Jesus is a loving King. The powerful King of all who chose to free us from our sins by dying for us)
5. What does hosanna mean? (Save us)
6. Is there a place in your life where you feel like shouting, "Hosanna!" to Jesus?
7. How can we show Jesus that He is our King?
8. How can you recognize Jesus as King of your life?

Prayer Time: Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.

Conversation Time:

- TURN AND TALK: What was your favorite part of this week?
- RIDDLES:
 - o What has to be broken before you can use it?.....*An Egg*
 - o David's parents have three sons: Snap, Crackle, & what's the name of the third son?.. David
 - o What has a foot but no legs..... *A snail*
 - o What comes down but never goes up..... *Rain*

Family Activity (1)

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Purpose:

Jesus was the King that fulfilled God's plan, but he was different than the King Jews thought he would be. Instead of conquering and defeating the Romans, the triune God had a different plan. Jesus came to this earth, perfect, and defeated sin!

As a family, create the crown below to represent Jesus being King and write things that Jesus is King over!

Supplies:

- Cardboard or Paper
- Scissors
- Permanent Marker or Markers
- Aluminum Foil
- Set Up: Clean off an area to make a craft

Craft Instructions:

- Take the cardboard or paper and draw a crown.
- Cut out the crown.
- Take aluminum foil and trace the crown (leave extra room to be able to fold the foil over the edge of the crown).
- Wrap the crown in foil.
- Use the marker to write Jesus is King on the crown.
- Then take turns as a family to writing thing down that Jesus is king over.
- Place the crown somewhere in the house that everyone can see so every day you and your family will be reminded that Jesus is King!



Family Activity (2) Elementary

Purpose: Here's a game related to today's lesson: Jesus is King.

Instructions: Simon Says - or King (or Queen) in Charge.

- You need at least 3 people. The leader is "in charge" like a king/queen. You can choose to use your own name instead of "Simon". When you give a command using your name, people have to do what you say. If you don't use your name and they do it, they're out.]
- The last one standing is the new leader.
- For example: The leader, Tommy, says: "**Tommy says** 'Jump up and down!'" So everyone jumps.
- If the leader says something like: "Put your hands on your head!" Don't do it since he didn't say, "**Tommy says**". If you put your hands on your head, you're out. If you didn't, you're still in the game.
- Hint: Give younger children extra chances to begin. For older children, give commands quickly to confuse them.

Conclusion of Game: Take a time as a family to ask:

- How did you like being in charge?
- Was it easy or hard to think of things for people to do?
- How should you respond to Jesus as King?
- Is it easy or hard to obey when Jesus says to do something?