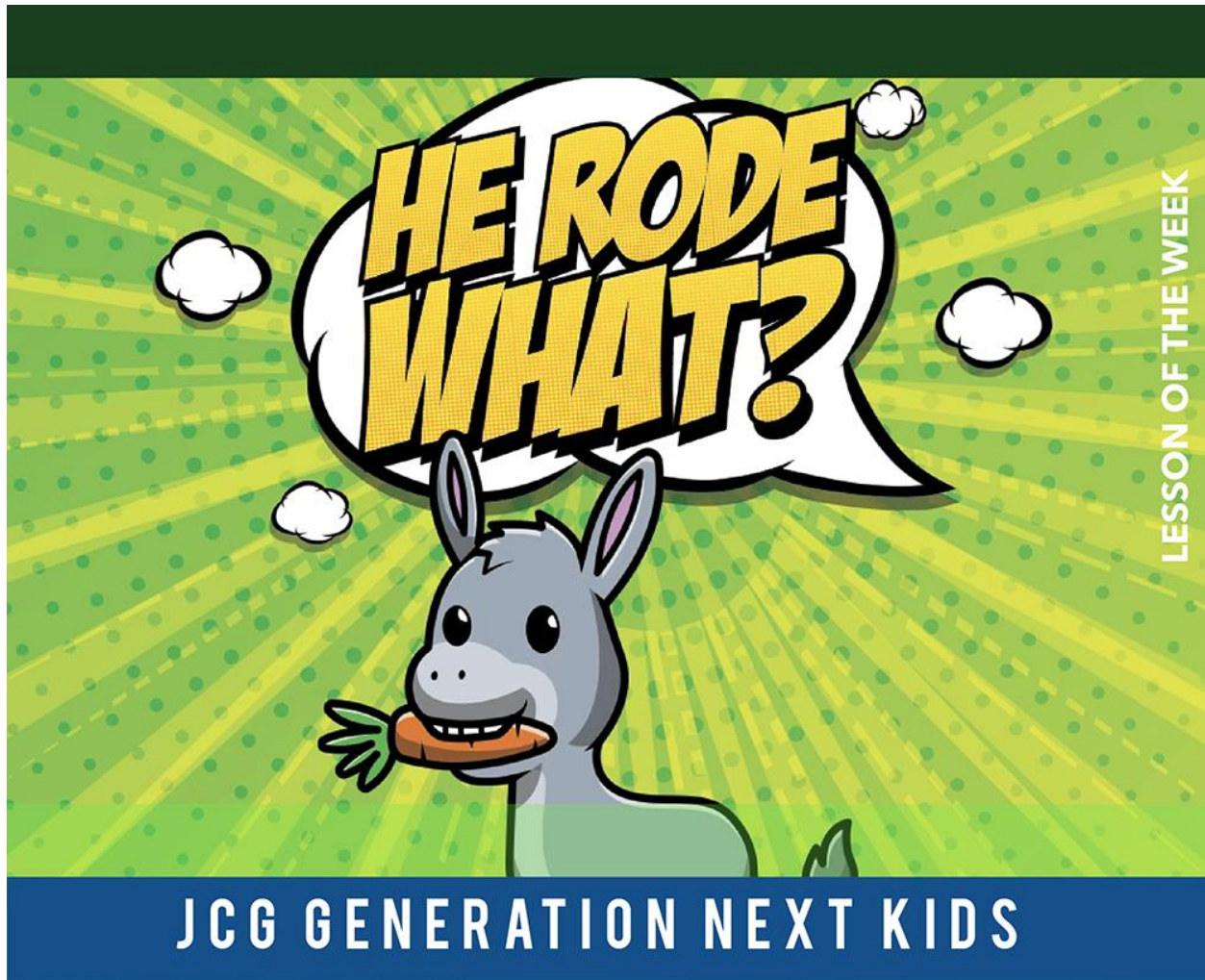


## HE RODE WHAT? A PSALM SUNDAY LESSON



**Key Passage:** John 12:12-19 Jesus Rode on a Donkey

**Lesson:** Big time celebs, business icons, and Presidents travel by limos and private jets. The vehicle you choose tells us how important you are and that you mean business. So what are we to make of Jesus? Arriving on a donkey is a strange choice for the King of Kings. But the choice of a donkey showed that Jesus came to bring peace. It's also a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate VIP, but he chose to humble himself to show us how much he loves us.

**Objective:** Kids will learn that Jesus humbled himself out of love for us

**Video: Palm Sunday For Kids: The Triumphal Entry**

<https://www.youtube.com/watchv=VIUk0YCi15w&list=TLPQMjQwMzlwMjZKT73ZpF1xsA&index=2>

### **INTRO:**

I have one question for you all. When Jesus came to Jerusalem ...HE RODE A WHAT? Jesus, the King of Kings, was humble enough to ride on a donkey! What does that say about Jesus? What does he value the most? Today we will be reading the story of Palm Sunday and learning about how Jesus entered into the city where many people were waiting for Him.

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Before we begin, I'd like to ask, if you had a donkey, what would you name them? I would name my donkey Barrel! How about you? Do you have a good name for a donkey!

I wonder if Jesus had a special name for the donkey that He rode into town. I bet He did. It was probably, "old reliable" or "sweet donkey." Have you ever got to pet or ride a donkey before? Maybe you even own a donkey because you live on a farm! They are nice animals, but they are known for being a bit stubborn and not always wanting to go the way you want to go. Jesus didn't seem to have a problem with his donkey colt, however. He was probably very kind and gentle with His donkey.

Let's read the story of what happened and then talk about our amazing savior Jesus!

### **READ JOHN 12:12-19**

#### **MAIN POINT:**

Big time celebs, business icons, and presidents travel by limos and private jets. And yet the most famous man of all, Jesus, God's own son chose to ride a donkey. In our day and age, the vehicle you choose to drive tells us how important you are and that you mean business. So, what are we to make of Jesus? Arriving on a donkey is a strange choice for the King of Kings. But the choice of a donkey showed that Jesus came to bring peace. It's also a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate VIP, but he chose to humble himself and show us how much He loves us instead. **JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF OUT OF LOVE FOR US!**

Jesus was heading into the big city of Jerusalem and if He wanted to show off, He could have chosen any other way to enter. Even though He chose a humble ride, the people knew how amazing and wonderful He was, so they grabbed palm leaves from trees and waved them into the air to greet Jesus as He rode in. They shouted "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" Even though Jesus didn't act like royalty, they still treated Him that way because they realized that God's son was someone to celebrate!

Everyone wanted a chance to meet Jesus! He was like a celebrity during that time. They had heard how He had come to save them. They could not wait for it to happen. They must have expected Him to take over the throne and be king of their city. Instead, Jesus would go on to pay the penalty of death on the cross and rise from the dead! He would go on to sit at the right hand of God in the throne of heaven as the King of all kings! Jesus had much more in store for us than we could have ever imagined!

#### **DRIVE IT HOME:**

Next week we will learn about Jesus rising from the dead. But this week, let's focus on Palm Sunday and what it means to have a savior who is humble. Jesus, who is worthy of all of our worship, decided to be humble and ride a donkey. This says so much about our savior. He was focused more on showing us love, than on looking good. And God got all the glory for it! Jesus came to bring peace, not to come riding in on a horse and wage a war. He came as a sacrifice for us, not to start conflicts among the people. He taught us to love God and one another, not to make enemies with others. Our humble King! **JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF OUT OF LOVE FOR US! THE KING OF KINGS WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RIDE A DONKEY!** And he lovingly laid down His life for you and me! Let's pray and thank Jesus!

#### **Parent/Child Chat: K - 2nd grade**

##### **Read John 12:12-19**

What city was Jesus riding into?

What was everybody still talking about from a few days before?

How does this show the power of Jesus?

#### **Parent/Child Chat: 3rd - 8th grade**

##### **Read John 12:12-19**

What city was Jesus riding into?

## HE RODE WHAT? A PSALM SUNDAY LESSON

What is the significance of Him riding on a donkey?

What was everybody still talking about from a few days before?

How does this show the power of Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus remained humble even though He was powerful?

### **Parent Time**

#### **What you need to know:**

As we prepare for Easter and the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead and defeating sin and death, it's beneficial to take some time to remember Jesus' life on earth. He was humble, loving, kind, gentle, a good teacher, and a good friend. Spend some time this week reflecting on the life of Jesus by reading from one of the gospels with your family. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.) Ask your kids questions like, "How did Jesus treat other people," "What did Jesus teach us," and "How can you become a follower of Jesus like the disciples were?"

### **CRAFT:**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

Printable donkey, scissors, glue sticks, and markers

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### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Challenge your child(ren) to design their donkey in a "unique" way. Whether it be a polka-dot donkey or a donkey all in green. Remind the kids that, "Jesus wasn't like the other kings on this earth. Even though He was more powerful than any king, he remained humble and loving towards us. Make your donkey "unique" to help you remember just how different our King of Kings is than the rest of the world! Jesus is our savior and He loves us!"