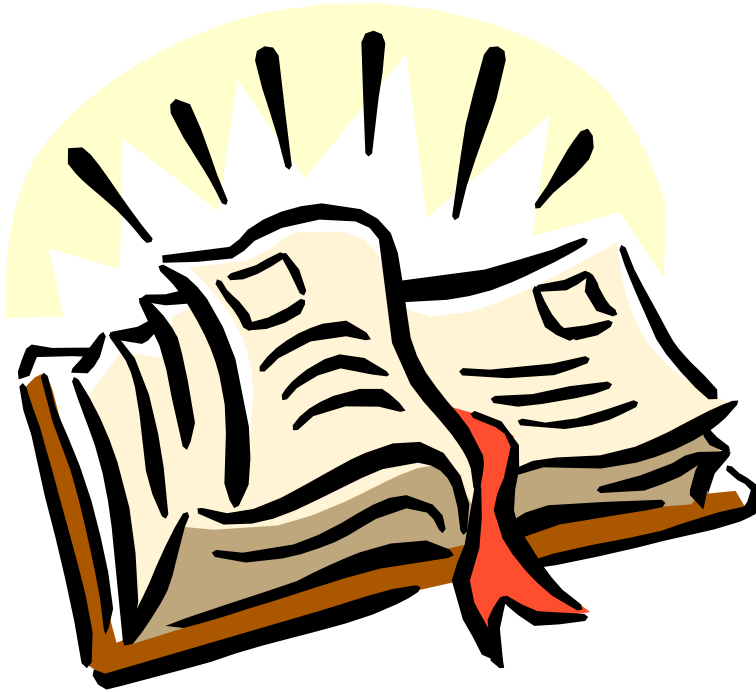


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:



**LESSON TITLE: The Triumphal Entry
into Jerusalem**

THEME: Jesus is worthy of all our worship!

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study *God's Word* together.

This week we learned about **The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**. The theme was "**Jesus is worthy of all our worship.**" What a wonderful story the triumphal entry is! Jesus fulfilled prophecy by entering into Jerusalem just days before His crucifixion and resurrection. The children learned some wonderful lessons about worship, praise and understanding that Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We will continue looking at the theme of worship this week in our devotions. As children, it is very good to learn about the different types of worship found in the Bible. We hope that each devotion this week will be a blessing as your children learn about worshiping our Lord and Savior - Jesus!

The section of scripture that we studied was **Matthew 21:1-11**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of *God's Word* in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

He is Worthy!

Text: Psalm 95:6 – “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”

Also read Revelation 4:2-11

What does worship mean to you? Worship is knowing who God is and giving Him honor and praise because of who He is. It is declaring the “worth” of God – the many things He is and does that make Him such a wonderful God. I am sure you can think of many things that God has done for you and your family to make him very worthy of your praise. When someone does something good, do you tell them “good job”, or “excellent work”? God has done many wonderful things for us. We should praise Him every chance we get.

In our devotions this week we are learning about Jesus' great entry into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus came to Jerusalem just one week before His death and resurrection. The Old Testament tells about this happening many years before it actually occurred in Zachariah 9:9. The huge crowd drew near, spreading garments and palm branches on the road to honor Jesus as king. When Jesus rode into the city, the crowds didn't understand what He had come to do. The crowd knew of the miracles Jesus had done. Yet they did not understand that the Messiah would become their savior through suffering and death on a cross; they expected Him to become their king and save them from the nation of Rome who had conquered Israel. They praised Him simply for what He could do for them.

It is good to praise God for what he has done for us, but it is also important to praise Him just for who He is. The Bible tells us that Jesus is Lord of all (Revelation 4:11). Nothing can exist apart from Him. He is worthy of all our praise. Praise to Him can come in many different ways. Jesus deserves all our praise. Let's start each morning off in quiet time with Jesus. Think of all the ways you can praise Him because of who He is. Also, think of all the things He has blessed you with and thank Him for them. During the next four days we will look at four ways we can better understand worship: Praise, Honor, Glory, and Power.

- What are some ways you can praise Jesus?
- What are some different ways He has blessed you?
- Each day this week, write down one marvelous thing God has done and give Him praise.

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Worship: to serve, revere, honor, or praise as master; to be devoted to.

Praise

Text: Revelation 5:13 - "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Also read Psalm 99:3

Tommy and Jimmy were walking down the wooded path with their Boy Scout troop when they noticed a clearing in the distance. They asked their scoutmaster to detour over towards the clearing. When they got to the clearing they just stood there in amazement. "Wow!" exclaimed Tommy. "I have never seen anything so beautiful in all my life." Through the clearing was a meadow of daisies and in the distance was an enormous waterfall. The sun, just over the ridge of the mountain, was beaming a perfect ray of light on the waterfall, causing a rainbow to be seen through the mist of the fall. What a beautiful sight!

Jimmy thought to himself, "God is so awesome to have created all of this. Thank you, Lord for this beautiful sight!" Both Tommy and Jimmy were very appreciative for the wonders God had created. There were so many things around them to praise God for. Have you ever been somewhere and been thankful for the precious creation God has made? There is so much of God's work for us to see and to praise Him for.

We praise God by recognizing Him as the Creator of all things and thanking Him for the things He has made - sunsets and rainbows, fragile flowers and mighty trees. The Bible tells us that God's creation shows us what an awesome God He is. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." God is worthy of all our praise. So, whenever you enjoy something He has created remember to praise Him for letting you enjoy His mighty workmanship and understand better who He is.

- Can you think of something wonderful or beautiful that you have seen? Who created it?
- Take a walk through your neighborhood and look at all of His creation. Praise Him for everything you see that came from His hands.
- Ask your parents about the most awesome thing they have ever seen in God's creation. Ask them what they remember about it that made it so special.

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Praise: Recognizing God as the Creator of all things and thanking Him for the things He has made.

Honor

Text: John 5:23 - "That all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him".

Also read 1 Samuel 2:30

"Report cards will be passed out today after class. Please take them home for your parents to see and have them sign the back of the card. You must return the card tomorrow." said Mrs. Johnson, Tony's 5th grade teacher. "I wonder what grade I received this time." thought Tony, "School seemed so easy this semester." He waited for all the other students to pick up their report card before he picked up his. He received his card and ran out of the room. As Tony opened the envelope and pulled out the card his eyes got very big. "A's! I got all A's! I knew I could do it!"

Tony raced home to find his mother sitting on the couch reading. "Mom, Mom!" he yelled, "I got all A's on my report card!" "Let me see," said Tony's mother. "That's wonderful Tony!" "I am so smart," boasted Tony, dancing around the room. "Tony," called Tony's mom. "Did you thank God for helping you to get all A's?" "Well, no." replied Tony.

"I remember how difficult it was for you in some of your classes and how we prayed together and asked the Lord to help you," Tony's mom said. "Yeah, I remember that too!" Tony answered, "Can we thank the Lord right now?" "Sure! That would be very nice." Mom said. They bowed their heads and prayed and Tony gave God all of the honor for helping him to get good grades.

We honor God by giving Him the credit He deserves. When Tony got an "A" on his report card, it was God who deserved the praise for giving him a sharp mind and helping him with his studies.

You too can honor God by giving Him the credit He deserves. When someone brags about you for doing something be sure to give credit where credit is due. Even if we are very talented in a lot of different areas we have to remember that it is God who has given us every one of those talents. God deserves our worship by honoring him for the wonderful gifts He has given us.

- Have you ever taken credit for something you did not do?
- Do you honor God when someone brags on you for something you have done?
- Do you give God the credit He deserves?

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Honor: To regard highly

Glory

Text: John 17:22 - "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one."

Also read Colossians 1:27

Casey and Stacey were sisters. They both grew up in a Christian home and were now adults. The sisters always stayed in close contact with one another. One time Casey came down with a really bad fever. The fever lasted for about 7 days. Casey went to the doctor to find out what she had. What a shock! Casey found out that she had a rare type of cancer. The quickest treatment for Casey was to receive white blood cells from someone who had the same kind of blood. This is called a blood transfusion. In a transfusion they take the blood from someone who is healthy and give it to a person who is sick. This will help the sick person to get better. The first person they checked for to find the same kind of blood cells was her husband, Jason. Unfortunately, he did not have the same kind. The next person to check was her sister Stacey. Stacey's test came back positive! She had the same kind of blood cells. The transfusion was successful. Casey's white blood count increased and miraculously the cancer began to go away.

The sisters showed courageous faith in God. They knew that Casey's life was in God's hands whether or not there was a transfusion. Every visit at the hospital and before every procedure, the two sisters prayed and asked God for His will to be done. Others who witnessed this wonderful faith became closer in their relationship with Jesus. There was even a nurse at the hospital who became a Christian!

We give God the glory by magnifying His name. We tell others about His mighty works so they can praise Him too! Others saw how great God is through Casey and Stacey's life. They were able to tell others about the miracle that God had done and the great strength that He gave them through everything that they went through. We, too, can give God all of the glory in everything He does in our lives. This way others will see God at work in our lives and draw closer to Him.

- Do others see God's strength in your life?
- Do you tell others about His mighty works in your life so they can praise Him too?
- You can magnify His name through the life you live here on earth.

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Glory: Magnifying God's name in everything you do or say.

Power

Text: Philippians 4:19 – “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Also read Isaiah 40:26

Each and every morning you probably wake up and make your bed. You may turn on the light and get dressed. Then you might go to the kitchen for breakfast and later in the day you have lunch and then dinner. A lot of times we don't think very much about where our bed came from. Or that we have a roof above us to keep out the rain. We may not think about how we got the food on our table or the clothes that we wear. God shows us His power by providing for our needs each and every day. Every time we eat, sleep or put on clothes, God's promise is being fulfilled. He will take care of our every need.

Just imagine if you had to be responsible for getting your own food, clothing or place to live. And you had to do all of this with your own ability, not God's. Could this be possible? I think a lot of us would be going hungry and would not be able to clothe ourselves properly. God has blessed us by giving us parents who work very hard and God provides for us through those who take care of us. God is so good by providing us with his promises. He has never forgotten about us. He can't, because He has promised to take care of our needs. Do you trust God will provide for you? God has displayed His power in so many ways. Sleeping in a warm bed, eating food, and wearing clothes each day are just a few examples of His great power.

We recognize God's power when we acknowledge that He alone is able to meet our needs each day. Proverbs 3:6 tells us to acknowledge Him in all our ways and He will direct our paths. Let's look at the four words we used to help us better understand how and why to worship God: Praise, Honor, Glory, and Power. Try to put one of these words into practice as a family today!

- How has God shown Himself powerful in your life?
- List some things that you are thankful for.

Kid's Prayer Time



This week when you pray remember to thank the Lord for everything that He has blessed you with. Thank Him for who He is and what He has done for you. Ask Him to let your life be a magnification of His name so others will want to worship Him also!

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**“Blessed is He who
comes in the name of
the Lord.”**

Third Grade and Above

**“Hosanna to the Son of
David! Blessed is He
who comes in the name
of the LORD! Hosanna
in the highest!”**

Matthew 21:9b