



# Letters from Jerusalem



## The Triumphal Entry

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## Week One Overview

**Color of the Week** - Green (wear this color this week)

**Family Devotion** - The Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11)

**Bible Memory Verse** - Matthew 21:9

**Bible Story Art** - Draw a picture of the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

**Family Craft** - Triumphal Entry T-Shirts

**Family Activity** - Palm Branch Limbo

**Family Letters** - Write a Letter to your Pastor

**Family Snack** - Palm Sundaes



# Family Devotion

## Matthew 21:1-11

*Dear Family,*

*We finally made it to Jerusalem. It's been a long trip, but I'm so thankful to be here with Jesus. He really is an amazing Teacher. I am learning so much!*

*You'll never believe what happened to us right before we entered Jerusalem. We got to Bethpage on the Mount of Olives and Jesus stopped us. He told two of us to go ahead to the village and bring Him a donkey that is tied there with her colt. He said we would find them as soon as we entered the village. We weren't exactly sure how He knew where this donkey would be, but Jesus hadn't been wrong yet, so we obeyed and did what He said. Right before we went, Jesus also told us that some people may ask us questions about why we are untying this donkey and her colt. Who wouldn't, right? Kind of seems weird that He asked us to take a donkey that isn't ours without asking. But He said for us to tell anyone that asks that the Lord needs it and will bring it back soon. We still weren't sure we would be able to find the donkey, but we did as the Lord told us to.*

*And guess what? Everything happened exactly as Jesus said it would! The donkey and her colt were where He told us they would be. Amazing!*

*When we brought the donkey and colt back to Him, we put some cloaks on it and then Jesus got on it and rode it into Jerusalem. And what the people did next was so cool! They spread their cloaks on the ground, laid branches on the ground, and then started shouting! So many people were lining the streets shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" It was really loud, but so cool to hear many people praising Jesus as King!*

*When we got into Jerusalem, many people were asking who Jesus was. They had no idea who He was. And those who knew began telling everyone that this was Jesus of Nazareth!*



# Family Devotion

## Matthew 21:1-11

*Sometimes I don't understand the things Jesus does. Why did He want to ride a donkey into Jerusalem? If He is King, then why not take a horse or something better than a donkey? Donkeys are lowly animals, but I do know that donkeys are a symbol of peace. I wonder if Jesus was trying to send a message to the people of Jerusalem. Maybe He wanted to show them He comes in peace?*

*Again, I don't understand Jesus and what He does, but I do know one thing...He has healed people and performed so many miracles that I can't even begin to explain them all. And everything He says is true. I believe Him and what He teaches. I pray what He teaches this week while we are in Jerusalem will be well-received by all who hear Him. I want others to believe in Him and who He is, just like I do.*

*I pray you are doing well back home. I can't wait to write again.*

*I love you all*

*Andrew*



# Bible Memory Verse

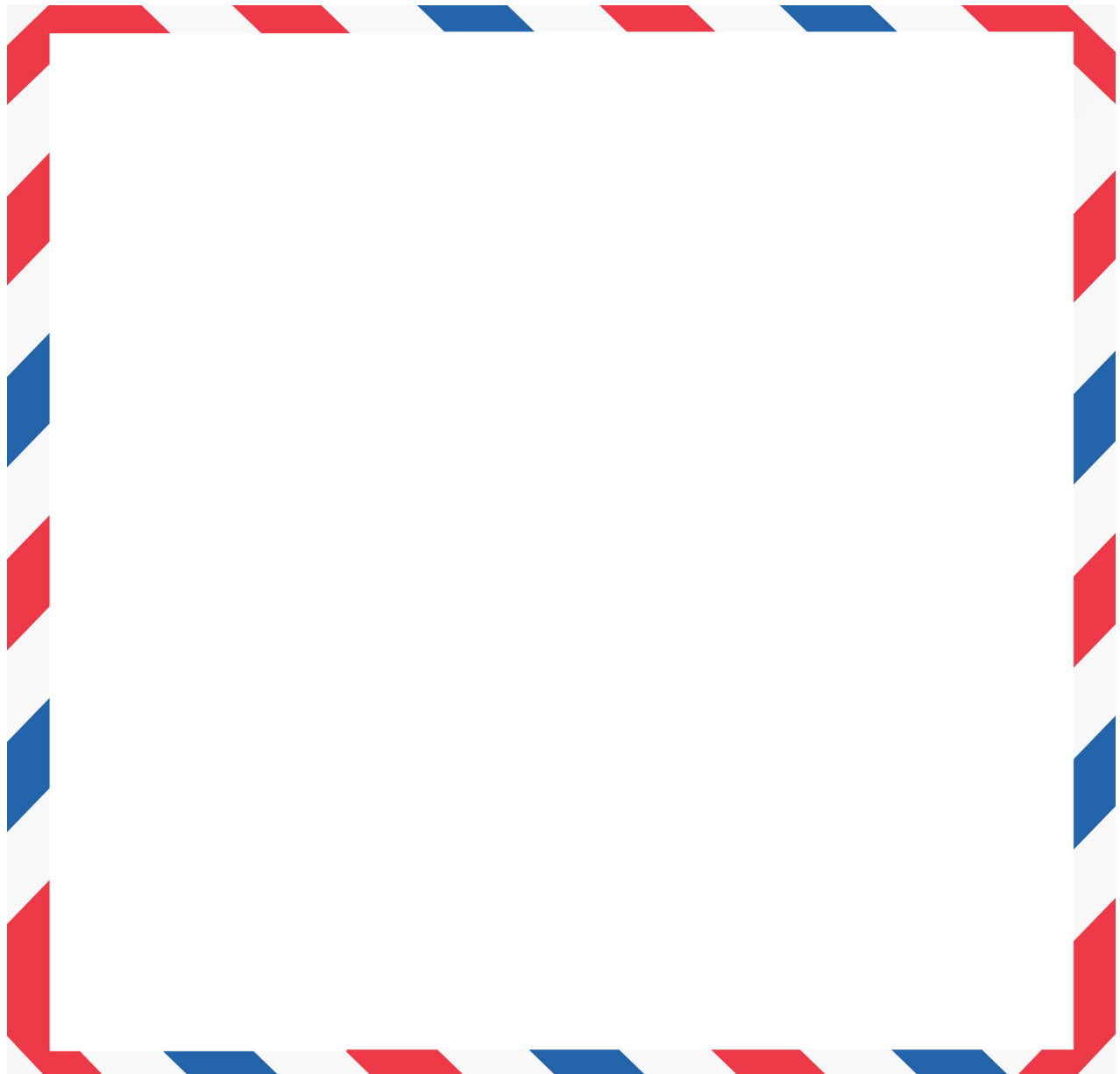
Hang this page on your fridge this week to help you memorize this verse.

**"Hosanna to the  
Son of David!  
Blessed is he  
who comes in  
the name of the  
Lord!"  
Matthew 21:9**



# Bible Story Art

In the space below, draw a picture of the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.





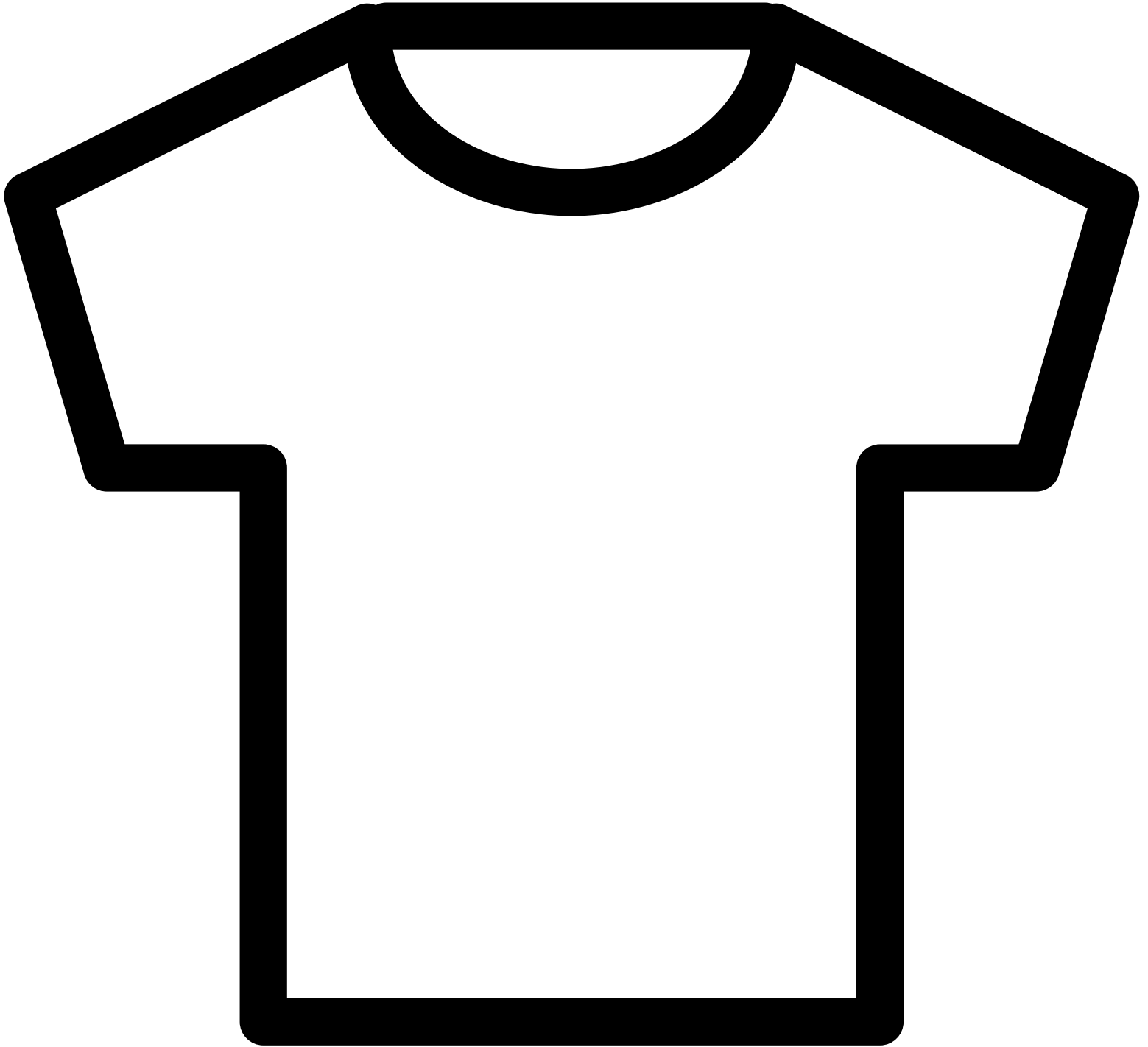
# Family Craft

## Triumphal Entry T-Shirts

**Supplies Needed:** *t-shirt template (one per child), markers*

If the people cheering for Jesus in the streets of Jerusalem wore matching t-shirts that day, what would they have looked like?

Using the t-shirt template, design a "Triumphal Entry T-Shirt." Think back to the story in Matthew 21 and design a shirt based off the story. Share your t-shirt design with your Children's Ministry leader so they can share it on your church's social media page. Be creative!







# Family Activity

## Palm Branch Limbo

**Supplies Needed:** *palm branch (or any type of tree branch), music*

Using a palm branch (real or fake...or any type of tree branch you have), play a game of limbo. Play some fun music and have each family member take turns going under the palm branch. Lower the branch after each round. See who can go the lowest without falling!



# Family Letters

## Letter to your Pastor

**Supplies Needed:** stationery, envelope, pen, stamp

Each week your family will write letters to people to encourage them in their faith!

This week write a letter to your pastor(s). Let them know you are thankful for all the ways they lead your church. Thank them for the ways they help you come to know Jesus. Thank them for giving of their time to serve your family and all the people at your church.

Then drop the letter in the mail!



# Family Snack

## Palm Sundaes

**Supplies Needed:** *vanilla ice cream, green food coloring gel, chocolate syrup, whipped cream, cherries*

Celebrate Palm Sunday with a Palm Sundae!

Scoop vanilla ice cream into a bowl. Add green food coloring gel and mix till ice cream turns green. Then add the following on top: chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and cherries. Eat and remember the Bible story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while people waved palm branches!

*\*\*You can also use a green ice cream of your choice if you like: mint chocolate chip, green sherbet, or pistachio.*