

LESSON 26 | Jesus: The Servant and King

Bible Basis: Matthew 21:1 – 11; 26:17 – 29; Mark 11:1 – 11; 14:12 – 25; Luke 19:29 – 42; 22:7 – 19; John 12:12 – 19; 13:1 – 14:31

Bible Verse: Matthew 21:5: “See, your king comes to you. He is gentle and riding on a donkey.”

Bible Point: Jesus was a king, but he was also a servant. God wants me to serve others too.

Resource: *The Beginner’s Bible*

- “The True King” (pages 427 – 432)
- “Washing the Disciples’ Feet” (pages 437 – 441)
- “The Last Supper” (pages 442 – 445)

How to use This Page

This week, you can read the stories listed above in *The Beginner’s Bible* several times to help your child remember them. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is designed as a drama to help your child remember the Bible lesson. The Extra Mile provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

TABLE TALK

1. Why didn’t Jesus wear a crown like other kings and ride a big horse? (*He was a different kind of king. He wanted to show people that it is important to be a servant to God and others.*)
2. Who made the palm branches and the palm trees? (*God.*)
3. At the Last Supper, Jesus told the disciples that he was going to heaven. What did he say he would do there? (*Prepare a new home for us!*)
4. Who didn’t want Jesus to wash his feet? (*Peter.*) Why? (*He didn’t want Jesus to serve him.*)

LIVING FAITH

Have your child select one of the Bible stories from this week and act it out for you as you read the story aloud from *The Beginner’s Bible*. To act out Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, one child (or adult) can play the part of the donkey (walking on hands and knees) carrying Jesus. Throw a blanket across the donkey’s back. Jesus can wear loose pajamas,

bathrobe or a sheet, and a scarf on his head. Other children can wave palm branches and lay clothes on the floor for the donkey to walk over. Feather dusters, plastic branches, or real tree leaves can serve as palm branches.

To act out the foot washing, use a bucket or basin. If you use water, do the foot washing on a tile floor or outdoors rather than on a carpeted area. Jesus can tie a towel around his waist and take turns washing his disciples’ feet, using the towel to dry them. Peter can refuse to get his feet washed but agree to do so once he understands why.

When you come to the place(s) in the story where a Bible character speaks, instruct your child what to say. If possible, have your child perform the Bible drama for other family members in person, via Skype, or using a video camera.

EXTRA MILE

- Jesus said, “I’m going to heaven to prepare a wonderful new home for you.” So this week play the Heaven Game with two or more people. This is a variation of the Shopping Game, where the first person tells about an item she bought, and the next person then tells what the first person bought and adds an item he bought. The next person then tells what the first two people bought and adds an item, and the game goes on like this. As the list grows longer, the players must remember to list all the items.

For the Heaven Game, have the first player tell one thing he would like Jesus to get ready for him in heaven. The next player will tell that item and add an item. The next player will list