



4KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Patience -- Waiting until later for what you want now.

Main Idea

We finish the month with Palm Sunday. By this time, God's people had been waiting hundreds of years for God's promises of a Savior to come true. In Matthew 21:1-11, we see that people were really starting to believe that Jesus was that Savior. God's promises were finally coming true. So, when He entered Jerusalem on a donkey, just like the prophecy foretold, they celebrated and worshipped Jesus. Of course, this all turned out quite different from what they expected, and they'd have to wait a bit longer to understand, but they could find joy because God was faithful.

Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord. Psalms 27:14 NIrV

Bottom Line

You can celebrate even when you are waiting.

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER: Which two animals would you like to see swap sounds?

Let's review the story using these questions (correct answers are bold) 1. How long had God's people been waiting for a Savior?

- A. **Hundreds of years** B. Five years
2. What kind of animal did Jesus ask His disciples to bring Him?
A. llama B. **donkey and its colt**
3. When the owner of the donkeys asked why they were untying his donkeys, what did the disciples say?
A. **The Lord needs them** B. Wait for the Lord
4. What did the disciples place over the backs of the donkeys?
A. Blankets B. **Their coats**
5. What did people lay down on the road for Jesus' donkey to walk on?
A. **Coats** B. A red carpet

6. What did the people take off the trees and wave in the air when Jesus walked by?
A. **Palm branches** B. Twigs
7. What word did the people shout when they saw Jesus?
A. Hooray!! B. **Hosanna!**
8. Was everyone excited to see Jesus?
A. Yes! Absolutely everyone.
B. **No, there were some religious leaders who were not so happy.**
9. What did Jesus tell the religious leaders would happen if the other people remained quiet?
A. **If they kept quiet, the stones would cry out.**
B. If they kept quiet, the trees would praise his name.

Small Group Activity

Talk to your child about what it looks like to "wait in hope for the Lord". Read Psalms 33:20-22

"We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice for we trust in his holy name."

Give your child a "Hosanna Cake" to decorate. Have them write "Hosanna" on their cake. Hosanna is an expression of joy and celebration. Have your child give examples of things they say when they are excited and celebrate.

Have them write or draw things on their "Hosanna Cake" what they know about God that we can celebrate. They can draw palm branches or things they are excited about as we celebrate Easter next week as well.

