

# Easter

## Part 1 – Royal

**Easter in 3 words: Royal – it reveals Jesus’ identity.**

**Today we are discovering how Jesus is revealed as the King.** John 12:12-19 and Zechariah 9:9-10

### What You Need

Paper and pens

Bible, worship music

YouTube clips

Green paper, bamboo skewers or twigs, sellotape,

Material/ blankets/ coats to make a welcome path

### Intro Activity

Worship to a worship song about Jesus as the king. Here is a suggestion: “King of Everything” by Austin Stone Worship:Kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkiYYLRNwZg>

Design and draw a vehicle fit for a king.

Jesus did many amazing things when He lived on Earth. He would heal the sick, get rid of bad things and bring the good news about God’s kingdom. People were excited and started asking: “Who exactly is this Jesus?”. People had lots of ideas about who Jesus was. Some thought He was the king promised by the prophets a long time ago. So when he came to Jerusalem, they were really excited - surely, that was the time they had hoped for!

But it didn’t look like they had expected...

Show each other the vehicles you have designed fit for a king!

Our true Bible story today tells us how King Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and what happened!

## Bible Story

Tell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on the donkey, using John 12:12-19. You could use a Bible for children, read from the Easy-to-read version found online or watch one of these YouTube versions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTmbTuutBgg>

Explain: Jesus came in riding on a donkey. Does this sound really royal to you? Donkeys are not a royal animal – they're not very impressive or powerful and they don't go fast. At the time, they were quite common animals used for daily work. So, it was quite surprising for a king to choose a donkey to make his special entrance. And yet, people got really excited by Jesus entering on a donkey. This was because 500 years ago a prophet named Zechariah had received a message from God about how the special king would come. Guess what – he would ride on a donkey!

Read the prophecy together from Zechariah 9:9-10

Discuss what this tells you about what King Jesus is like and what he has come to do.

Explain: Jesus is the King, he is all powerful and he has won over death! Jesus is also humble and he comes close to us in a way we can understand. God promised the King He would send would end war and bring peace. This promise means freedom and safety. What amazing good news!

## Activation

1. Make a "hand palm leaf". Draw round your hands a few times on paper, green if you have it. Cut them out and Sellotape

or them together around a twig, or wooden skewer. On the “hands” have the children write Welcome messages to Jesus or Praises to Jesus.

2. Create a Welcome Path for Jesus. Together recreate a path to welcome Jesus by laying down material / blankets/ sheets/ coats on the floor. Use your “hand palm leaves” and stand along the edge of the material. Play a worship song and Spend a few moments worshipping Jesus and welcoming him into our lives. Explain they can expect to encounter Jesus the king.

Tell each other what you encountered of King Jesus. You could draw these encounters.

## Facebook Challenge

Post pictures of your Welcome Path for Jesus and the things you did for the activation on our Facebook group: Eastgate – Parenting world changers.

The direct address for this is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122953215063574/>