

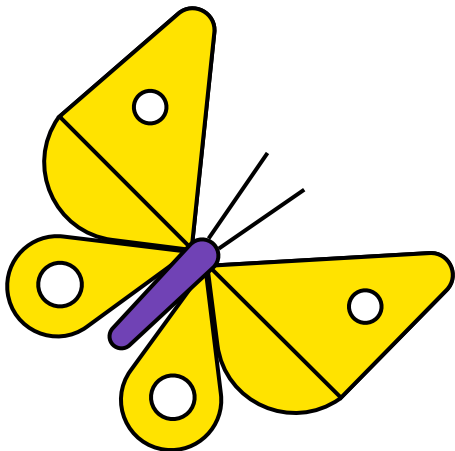
Day 2

Read Matthew 21:1-11

Get a sheet of paper and something to draw with. While you are reading Matthew 21:1-11, as you come across the following words, pause and illustrate that word on the paper, starting on the left side of the sheet and moving across to the right. (The paper should be turned horizontally, with the longest sides on the top and bottom as you draw.)

- ▶ Mount/mountain
- ▶ Two disciples (stick figures are fine!)
- ▶ Donkey and colt
- ▶ Coats (show them on the road)
- ▶ Tree branches (show them on the road)

Now, using your drawing as a guide, find someone you can tell the story of Palm Sunday to.



Day 3

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day that we now call Palm Sunday, the crowds shouted and praised Him, saying,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Pick a spot—either inside or out—where you can walk around and say these words of praise as a prayer. Say them a few times, slowly, paying attention to each word and thinking about two things: 1) What those words must have meant to the people in Jerusalem that day as they worshipped Jesus, and 2) What those words mean to you as you speak them out loud to God now.

Day 4

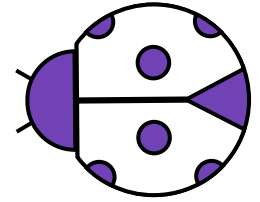
Why are promises important?

How does it feel when someone keeps a promise they made to you? What if they made the promise a long time ago—do you ever doubt they will keep it? The more time that passes, the more you begin to doubt they will even remember their promise, much less keep it.

Find a friend or family member to talk with about promises. Each of you should share stories of when someone didn't keep their promise to you. How did that make you feel? And when someone did keep a promise they made to you, what did that do in your friendship?

When Jesus came to be our Savior, it was the fulfillment of a promise God had made hundreds of years earlier. . . A promise to make everything right in the world. There must have been so many times that God's people doubted the promise would ever come true. But God always had a plan, and that plan always included keeping the promise.

Because God had made this promise to the world, when **Jesus came to be our Savior**, it showed us that we can trust God no matter what!



Day 5

Jesus came to be our Savior.

For people who follow Jesus, Easter is pretty much the best day on the calendar—when we celebrate that Jesus came to be our Savior.

There are a lot of other things around Easter that can sometimes crowd out that good news that **Jesus came to be our Savior**. Unscramble the words below to find some of those things.

AEREST GEG

LCEOCHATO

SRETAE BTEASK

ERETAS YBNUN

CDYNA

ILSLELI

GGE HNTU

CKIHSC

Chocolate eggs, bunnies, Easter baskets. . . None of these are bad things and are fun traditions to do, but we need to keep them from distracting us from the real meaning of Easter.

For the remaining days until Easter passes, every time you see a cute bunny or taste a chocolate egg, enjoy it while you remember what Easter is all about: that **Jesus came to be our Savior**.

Answers: EASTER EGG, CHOCOLATE, EASTER BASKET, EASTER BUNNY, CANDY, LILLIES, EGG HUNT, CHICKS