

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Matthew 21:1-17

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 21:9b

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

People showed their love for Jesus.

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus is worthy of praise.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus is worthy of honor and praise.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 9:19-27; 10:31-33; 11:1

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 10:31

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Corinthians 9:8-18*

MONDAY: *1 Corinthians 9:19-27*

TUESDAY: *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Corinthians 10:14-22*

THURSDAY: *1 Corinthians 10:23-33*

FRIDAY: *1 Corinthians 11:1-6*

SATURDAY: *1 Corinthians 11:7-16*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Matthew and 1 Corinthians together as a family:



- **The King is coming.** Matthew 21 is a wonderful story of praise and honor. In ancient times residents of a city would honor their king, returning from war, with a sort of parade through town. To show honor to their king the people would take off their outer robes and lay them in the street, making a path for the king's animal to follow. Jesus, King of kings was met by crowds in Jerusalem who welcomed Him just as they would have welcomed an earthly king returning victorious from war. Jesus was victorious, but the people who welcomed Him in this way did not understand the kingdom Jesus was bringing with Him.
- **My house will be called a house of prayer.** Once He entered Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple, the place reserved for worship of God. What Jesus found in the temple, however, was not worship, but tables set up to sell and buy various things for the worshipers to give an offering to God in the temple. This angered Jesus because God's house was a house of prayer and those buying and selling were not honoring God with their actions. Jesus turned over the tables and left the temple complex to spend the night outside the city.
- **Follow Me!** As we have already seen, Jesus lived His life as a way to represent God. Jesus' life influenced others to become followers, not just of Him, but of God. Paul told the Corinthians that their lives needed to represent God and they should use their influence to lead others to become followers of Christ. Paul did not leave the Corinthians in the dark; he told them that he, Paul, had lived a life that honored God, and they should use his example to lead others to become followers as well.
- **Run the race with endurance.** Paul compared the Christian life to running in a race. Paul compared the discipline a runner uses to train to the discipline a Christian must follow in order to lead others to Christ. The analogy of a race would have been very familiar to the Corinthians who often raced, and they quickly understood what Paul was talking about. Jesus lived a life of discipline that led others to follow Him. Christians should live disciplined lives that lead others to also want to follow Christ.