

A Most Unusual Parade

Bible Story

The Triumphant
Entry

Scripture

Luke 19:28-44

The Scene: outside Jerusalem

The Simple Setup: Use chair backs to make a pen for the colt on stage left; leave the rest of the stage open.

For Extra Impact: Give the Crowd old coats to place on the floor.

The Characters

Narrator: a friendly storyteller

Jesus: a guy

Interrupter: a guy or girl

Disciple 1: a guy or girl

Disciple 2: a guy or girl

Crowd: children willing to lay "cloaks" before Jesus

Pharisees: children willing to scowl

The Skit

After you've assigned the roles of Jesus, Interrupter, and Disciples, form the rest of your children into two groups: the Crowd and the Pharisees.

As the skit begins, Jesus and two of his Disciples are stage right, near a village. Narrator and Interrupter may be at one side of the stage throughout the skit. The Pharisees are at stage left.

Narrator: This is the true account of when Jesus was the star of a most UNUSUAL parade.

Interrupter: A parade? I LOVE parades! I saw a circus parade once with lions and elephants and clowns! I LOVE circus parades!

Narrator: This WASN'T a circus parade.

Interrupter: Oh! Then it must have been a HOMECOMING parade with MARCHING BANDS and FLOATS and FIRETRUCKS! The firetrucks always have their FLASHERS flashing! You can't BEAT a homecoming parade!

Narrator: No, it wasn't a homecoming parade. It was...

Interrupter: Maybe it was a PATRIOTIC parade! You know, with people sitting in cars, WAVING! I was at a patriotic parade where they threw CANDY! I LOVE candy!

Narrator: Trust me—this ISN'T a parade like you've seen before. If you'd just let me TELL you about it, you'd SEE.

Interrupter: OK. I'll just stand here.

Narrator: Thank you.

Interrupter: And I won't say ANOTHER WORD.

Narrator: Um...SURE. THIS parade was all about Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem, and it was a BIG deal. Jesus and his Disciples were walking toward the city of Jerusalem. See them there, walking along?

Interrupter: Well, I can....

Narrator: Don't feel you have to actually ANSWER these questions.

Interrupter: Oh...got it.

Narrator: Before Jesus reached Jerusalem, he asked two of his Disciples to do an important errand for him.

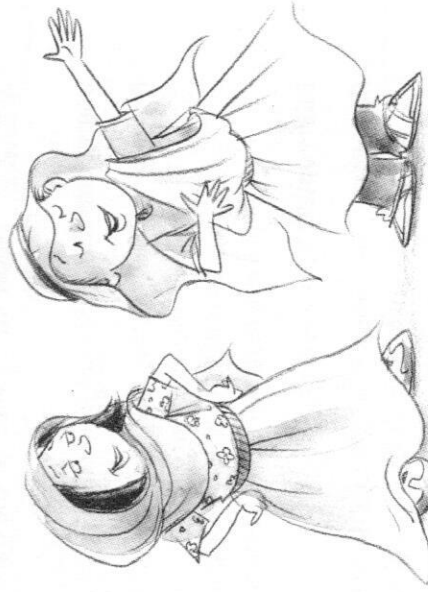
Disciple 1: Sure thing, Jesus! We're your guys! What is it—do you want us to scout out the PHARISEES so we know where they might AMBUSH you? Or should we go hold a PRESS CONFERENCE for you? Anything you want, Lord!

Jesus: I want you to go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there.

Disciple 2: Find the colt. Got it.

Jesus: This is a colt that no one has ever ridden.

Disciple 1: Find the colt no one has RIDDEN. Got it.



Jesus: Untie the colt and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" tell him, "The Lord needs it."

Disciple 2: Got it. Wait a minute...you want us to go steal a DONKEY for you?

Narrator: The Disciples did as they were told, and they found the colt right where Jesus told them to look. And the owner of the colt gladly gave it to them.

Interrupter: Good thing. Donkey thieves get in a LOT of trouble.

Narrator: The Disciples brought the colt back to Jesus and put their coats on the donkey's back so it would be more comfortable to ride. As Jesus and the Disciples got nearer Jerusalem, a Crowd gathered. And the Crowd knew EXACTLY what they were seeing.



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Interrupter: Um...they saw Jesus on a donkey!

Narrator: True, but they ALSO remembered the prophets had said Israel's king would ride into town on a colt. They knew THIS was a sign that Jesus was their KING! The Crowd laid their coats down on the road in front of the donkey, sort of like a red carpet.

Interrupter: What a cool parade!

Narrator: Not everyone thought so. The PHARISEES saw what was happening, and THEY knew about the prophecy, too.

Interrupter: Are THOSE the Pharisees over there? The MEAN-looking guys who are SCOWLING?

Narrator: That's them.

Interrupter: The Pharisees didn't LIKE Jesus very much, did they?

Narrator: They didn't believe Jesus was God's Son. They didn't WANT Jesus to be their king. But the CROWD wanted Jesus. The Crowd started CHEERING. They started CLAPPING. They were HAPPY to see Jesus!

Interrupter: Did Jesus WAVE at the people? Did he throw CANDY?

Narrator:

The Bible doesn't tell us EVERYTHING that happened, but Jesus probably didn't throw candy. We DO know he came in peace and that he came to Jerusalem to give his life for us on the cross. That's why this parade is called the TRIUMPHANT ENTRY.



To Talk About

- ◆ Jesus had a job for two of his disciples. What job do you think Jesus might have for you this week?
- ◆ Jesus' followers praised God for the miracles they'd seen. What's something Jesus has done in your life? How can you praise Jesus this week?
- ◆ Jesus came to Jerusalem so he could give his life for us. That's real love! How can you show Jesus' love to others?

Topical Tie-Ins: Serving Others, Praise, Jesus' Love