



WEEK 4

ELEMENTARY AT HOME

BLUEPRINTS

THE BIG IDEA

I am included in God's plans.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Enters Jerusalem: Mark 11:1-11;
(Psalm 118:19-29)

MUSIC | Plan for Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing some worship songs with your family! (e.g., "[I Believe In Jesus](#)").
- Today will mark our final week of our lesson this month, called Blueprints. We've been hearing all about how God has a plan for all of our lives.
- We've talked about what that means in a lot of way, but today, let's make it personal! Really think about how you can trust and believe God's plan no matter what!

ACTIVITY | Road Builders

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the kids evenly into teams, with a minimum of two teams, but have more if you have a large group. Each team needs a [hobby horse](#) and three pieces of green paper, which will represent palm branches. The teammate on the hobby horse has to get across the room, but can only walk on the palm branches. The rest of the team must keep moving and putting paper in front of the person on the hobby horse for them to move forward.*
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *If you serve a kid in a wheelchair, be sure to space the palms on the ground out far enough to maneuver as needed.*
- The people in Jerusalem put coats and branches on the street to welcome Jesus as a king!

VIDEO | Blueprints, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's Bible story video with Pastor Robin and Mr. Harrison!*



SCRIPTURE | Mark 11:1-11

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open your Bibles together to Mark 11:1-11 and review today's Bible story.*
- The thing about God's plans are, we may not be able to see what's going on at first. But little-by-little, God shows us the amazing things that are in store for us. We'll see more of that in the Bible story.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Select volunteers to be Jesus, the two disciples who get the donkey, and the other people who are there for the parade. Read the story in Mark 11:1-11 and encourage the kids to act out the story as you go. Instruct the Jesus actor to ride the hobby horse. Give kids paper palm branches and extra clothes that kids can wave and lay on the ground for the kid playing Jesus.*
- **If you were really there that day, what would you have been doing? Fetching the donkey? Laying down your coat on the donkey? Waving palm branches? Putting palm branches on the ground?**
- What I love about this story is that everybody played a part!
- Jesus asked the disciples to get the donkey to ride.
- Some people put their coats on the donkey for Jesus to sit on. Others put their coats or large palm branches in the road to make a "red carpet" which was only done for a king. Some people were just there to celebrate.
- **Which part do you think was the most important that day? Why?**
- Everyone shouted and praised as they welcomed Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. The people called out to Jesus saying, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "to save." When the people were shouting it, they were asking Jesus to save them.
- Everyone thought that Jesus would be the kind of king that would help them build their own nation and rule. But God's master plan was about more than that. It's true that God sent Jesus to save everyone. But it was to save everyone from sin.
- No matter which part you might think was the most important that day, we are all loved the same by God, because Jesus came to save all of us. When God made the plan of sending Jesus, God did it with you in mind. We would all be shouting, "Hosanna!"

ACTIVITY | Palms of Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Instruct the kids to trace their hands on green paper. Encourage them to write a note of thanks and praise to Jesus for including everyone in God's plans. Then, cut it out and make a "road" out of everyone's palm by gluing them onto butcher paper.*
- Jesus had to make difficult decisions and chose them on purpose so that God's plans could be carried out.
- Aren't you thankful that Jesus obeyed God, specifically so that you and I could be saved? **We are included in God's plans!**

BONUS SCRIPTURE | Psalm 118:19-29

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Psalm 118:19-29.*



- King David wrote these psalms to praise God for saving him. And fun fact – King David happens to be an ancestor of Jesus!
- Saving King David was part of God's plan. You and I have a lot to praise God for as well.
- **What is something you want to praise God for?**
- Let's shout those things out to praise God like King David did!
- Jesus was God's plan to love and help everyone, including you.
- You are a part of God's plan! **We are included in God's plans.**

REFLECTION | Is It Personal?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out paper, crayons, and markers to the kids and tell them to draw a picture of what they imagine God's plans are for them.*
- Everything we see is part of God's plan. **Have you ever wondered about what will happen in the future? What do you think might be in God's plans for you?**
- We may not know everything that is in God's plan, but we can still look forward to whatever is heading our way because **we are included in God's plans.**

RESPONSE | Make It Personal!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Partner up the kids and tell them to take turns telling each other how they are a part of God's plan. Model it by choosing a few volunteers and telling them how you see them in God's plan.*
- I see *[insert friend's name]* as a part of God's plan. God loves you and made you special.
- We can help our friends because we are all included in God's plan.

DISCUSSION

- **What were the two towns that were nearby Jerusalem where Jesus was?**
- **What were the names of the disciples Jesus sent to get the donkey?**
- **What did the people put down in the road in front of Jesus as Jesus came into Jerusalem?**
- **Read Psalm 118:28. How does King David describe God?**
- **What does Jesus riding on a donkey instead of entering in a grand way tell us about the kind of person Jesus is?**
- **How do you think you are included in God's plan?**
- **What is one thing you can do this week as part of God's plan?**

MEMORY VERSE | Pass the Verse

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to sit in a circle so that everyone can catch the ball. Each time the ball is passed, the person passing it should say one word in the verse. Be ready to help the kids who need it!*



PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for making me part of your plan. Help each of us to be grateful for your plans and help us follow them. We love you! Amen.