



# NMPC KIDS NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

### Children's Choir

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm*

Make a joyful noise! Choir practice is held in the Preschool music room.

### Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 1st at 10 am*

Join us as we celebrate Jesus's resurrection with a lesson, egg hunt and fun!

### Mercer Bears Baseball Game

*May 20th at 2 pm*

Batter up! Let's enjoy the start of summer by cheering on the Mercer Bears. More details to come.

### VBS

*Week of June 26th*

Ahoy matey! Join us as we embark on the S.S. VBS to learn about Jonah and God's grace!

## What a King! What a Savior!

If you were a king or queen back in the day of Jesus, how would you want to travel? By horse? A big chariot? Back then, how kings traveled mattered. Kings often used royal parades to display to others how powerful and mighty they were. The bigger the horse, the bigger the power (or so they wanted other kingdoms to think). We know that Jesus is King of all Kings. So when He made His final entrance into Jerusalem, how did He travel? Let's find out!

In Matthew 21:1-11, we learn that Jesus chose a donkey colt to make His final entrance into Jerusalem. Not what one might expect from the Son of God! While this may seem like an odd choice, it's not! By choosing a colt, Jesus was fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy described in Zechariah 9:9-11. In these verses, the prophet Zechariah told the people of Israel about God's promise to send a Forever King and how this King would arrive on a donkey. Zechariah explained how this King would not rule by fear and terror but would be humble, righteous and would rule in peace over the whole world. What a King! What a Savior!

But why a donkey? Back in those times, kings would ride on donkeys in times of peace. So by riding on a donkey into Jerusalem, Jesus was letting people know that under His kingship peace could be found between God and all nations. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem knowing He was about to fulfill God's promise of salvation through His death on the cross and resurrection. Jesus knew that His sacrifice would bring forgiveness and a restored relationship with God to sinners. He was bringing forever peace to those He came to save - sinners like you and me! Jesus was ushering in a season of reconciliation between God and His creation so that those that put their faith in Him could live forever in peace with God. What a King! What a Savior!

And it doesn't end there! Jesus has promised to return again and make all things new! But this time, He's not entering on a donkey.\* This time He is returning in full glory to redeem His people and creation from sin and death once and for all so that "at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Philippians 2:10-11) What a King! What a Savior!

\*Stay tuned - we will learn more about this from Pastor Hunter on Sundays!

## Family Time

- Read Zechariah 9:9-11 and Revelation 19:11-16 - Discuss the similarities and differences in the descriptions of Jesus.
- Together as a family take time to thank Jesus for how He rules over His Kingdom and our hearts.

## More Resources

### Song

To the King Sing Hosanna  
by Keith & Kristyn Getty

### Book

The Donkey Who Carried a King  
by R.C. Sproul

## NMPC Kids Spotlight

Let's get to know Sara Jane, age 9,  
and Oscar Sandefur, age 6!

We are thankful for these fun and great kids!

### What color best describes you and why?

Oscar: Red because it is my favorite color.

Sara Jane: Blue is my favorite color, but yellow matches me because I'm super crazy, hyper and excited at times.

### What movie do you watch on repeat?

Oscar: Star Wars

Sara Jane: Pirates of the Caribbean

### Tell us something God has been teaching you.

Oscar: To love Him.

Sara Jane: To be kind to others. To be wise about your choices.

