

Mark Chapter 11 — Jesus goes to Jerusalem

In Chapter 11 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a young donkey, and many people welcome him with joy. They wave branches and shout praises because they believe Jesus has come from God. Later, Jesus goes to the Temple and sees people buying and selling things there. He is upset because the Temple is supposed to be a special place to pray and worship God. Jesus teaches that God's house should be a place of prayer for everyone. He also tells his disciples to have faith in God and to forgive others when they hurt them. This chapter reminds us to welcome Jesus into our lives, make time to pray, trust God, and forgive one another.

Talk about these questions together as a family. Take turns sharing your thoughts, listen to one another, and discover how Jesus' teachings can help your family grow in faith and show God's love in everyday life.

1. The people welcomed Jesus with joy. How can we welcome Jesus into our family's daily life?

2. Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place of prayer. Where do you like to pray, and what helps you feel close to God?

3. Jesus teaches us to have faith in God. What is something you trust God to help you with?

4. Why can it sometimes be hard to forgive someone who has hurt our feelings? What can help us forgive?

5. What is one thing our family can do this week to make more room for prayer, kindness, or forgiveness in our lives?