

Who is the king that is coming?

Memory Verse: “. . .that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth . . .” (Philippians 2:10)

Take an imaginary trip back in time:

Mario is a boy your age and he is visiting Jerusalem almost 2,000 years ago. He sees a big crowd of people and follows it to see what all the commotion is about.

Suddenly he finds himself next to a Pharisee and he asks,

Mario: Sir, Where are all these people going?

Pharisee: It seems that an extraordinary man is arriving and they have come to see him.

Mario: Why do they want to see him?

Pharisee: Because they believe he is the Messiah, the one that the prophets said would be the king of Israel.

Mario: Wow! Do you believe that he is the King?

Pharisee: Of course not! How could that be? Jesus is only the son of a poor carpenter from Nazareth, and as you know, nothing good comes from there.

Mario: Why do the people want a king? We already have one.

Pharisee: Because they want someone who will free them from Roman rule.

Mario: And you believe that Jesus can do that?

Pharisee: How could Jesus free them? He doesn't have an army, just a few disciples. I don't appreciate the Romans either but it could be worse. At least they keep the peace and let us worship as we please. I only hope that Jesus doesn't cause any problems.

Mario: Look! He is riding on a donkey. Isn't that what kings do when they coming into a city in peace?

Pharisee: No, a king wouldn't arrive riding on a donkey.

Mario: Listen! Why are the

