



Easter: Palm Sunday

Warm-up:

Choose an activity:

- 1) Grab a blind fold and play pin the tail on the donkey. There is one you could print on the following page or you could draw your own! Use Blu Tack or Sellotape to stick the tail to the donkey. In today's bible reading we will hear about a donkey that had an important job!
- 2) Create a red carpet and get dressed up, take it in turns to walk down the red carpet while the rest of your family cheer and take your photo. Does it make you feel special? In today's story Jesus doesn't quite walk down a red carpet but one made from palm branches and coats instead!
- 3) Race! Get 1 item of clothing and one sheet of paper like a palm leaf, you can only stand on these 2 items to get across the room (stand on one and then pick the other up from behind and move it in front...). Who can get across the room first? Jesus rode over palm leaves and clothes in today's story.





Mark 11: 1-11

You can read from the bible passage below, or you can ask you parents to download 'The Bible App for Kids' onto their phones/tablet then click on the button with 3 dots and 3 lines lines on the left and scroll to find the story called 'The Donkey and the King.' Once you've read it you can click on the 'activity' button which will bring up a matching game to play.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem Like a King

11 Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. They came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of his followers to do something. ² He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a young donkey that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here to me. ³ If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkey, tell them, 'The Master needs it. He will send it back soon.'"

⁴ The followers went into the town. They found a young donkey tied in the street near the door of a house, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people were standing there and saw this. They asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying that donkey?" ⁶ The followers answered the way Jesus told them, and the people let them take the donkey.

⁷ The followers brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their coats on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches in the fields and spread the branches on the road. ⁹ Some of them were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. Everyone shouted,

"Praise^[a] Him!"

'Welcome! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'

10 "God bless the kingdom of our father David.

That kingdom is coming!
Praise to God in heaven!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the Temple. He looked at everything in the Temple area, but it was already late. So he went to Bethany with the twelve apostles.

Think about it...

Watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJSPlbqZswY>

- Why did Jesus choose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey?
- Why do you think the people spread their coats on the road and waved palm branches for Jesus?
- What did they shout as Jesus came by?
- What would you do if Jesus were coming here?

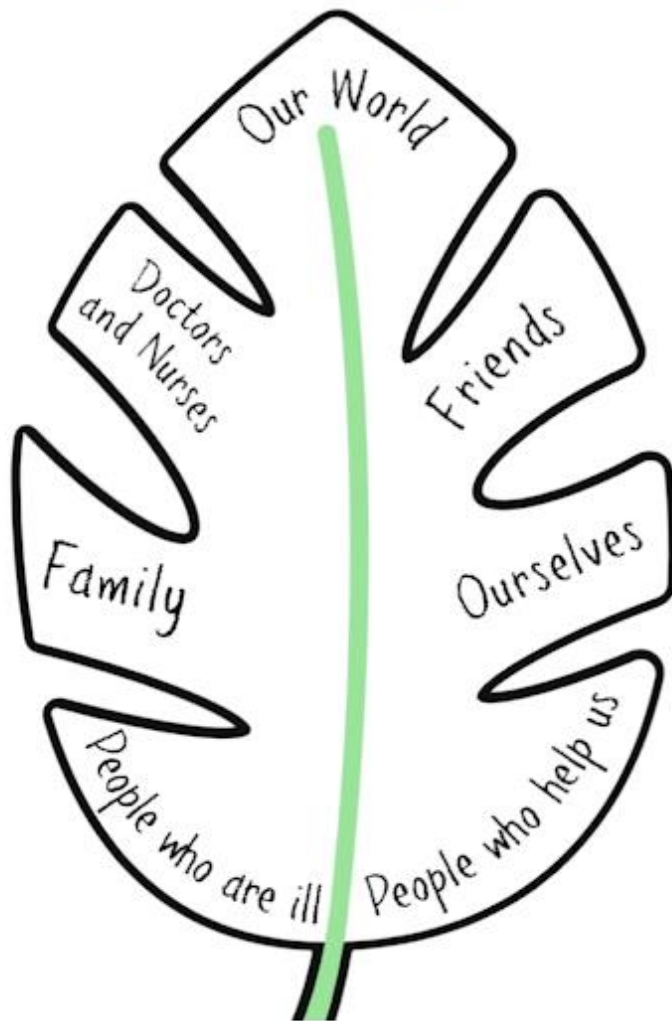
Would it be just like any other day?

Would it be a special day?


We don't have to be able to physically see Jesus as a man to show Him how important He is to us. Just because we can't see Jesus, it doesn't mean He's not here. Actually, Jesus is here right now. RIGHT NOW! Jesus is always with you! And if Jesus is always with you, what should we always be doing? We need to show Him how special and important He really is. Now, that doesn't mean we need to drag a red carpet with us everywhere, but there is one HUGE thing the people of Jerusalem did that we can do too. They took time out of their day so they could spend it with Jesus. Is that something we can do? It doesn't have to be huge or fancy like the green carpet into the city. That's not what's important to Jesus. We just need to show Jesus how important He really is. He just wants to spend that time with you. It's that easy. So let's try it! Just one time this week, let's turn off the TV and read a Bible story instead. All together we can show Jesus just how important He really is to us.




Palm Sunday Palm Leaf Prayers



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 Colour your Palm Leaf.
You could pray for each section as you colour.

 Cut out your leaf & stick it onto a door

 Every day as you pass your leaf pray for one section



Thank You God that you always listen to our prayers. Sometimes we don't always know what is ahead of us, but like Jesus journeying through Jerusalem, may we always know you are with us. Amen

Activities:

Donkey with peg legs:

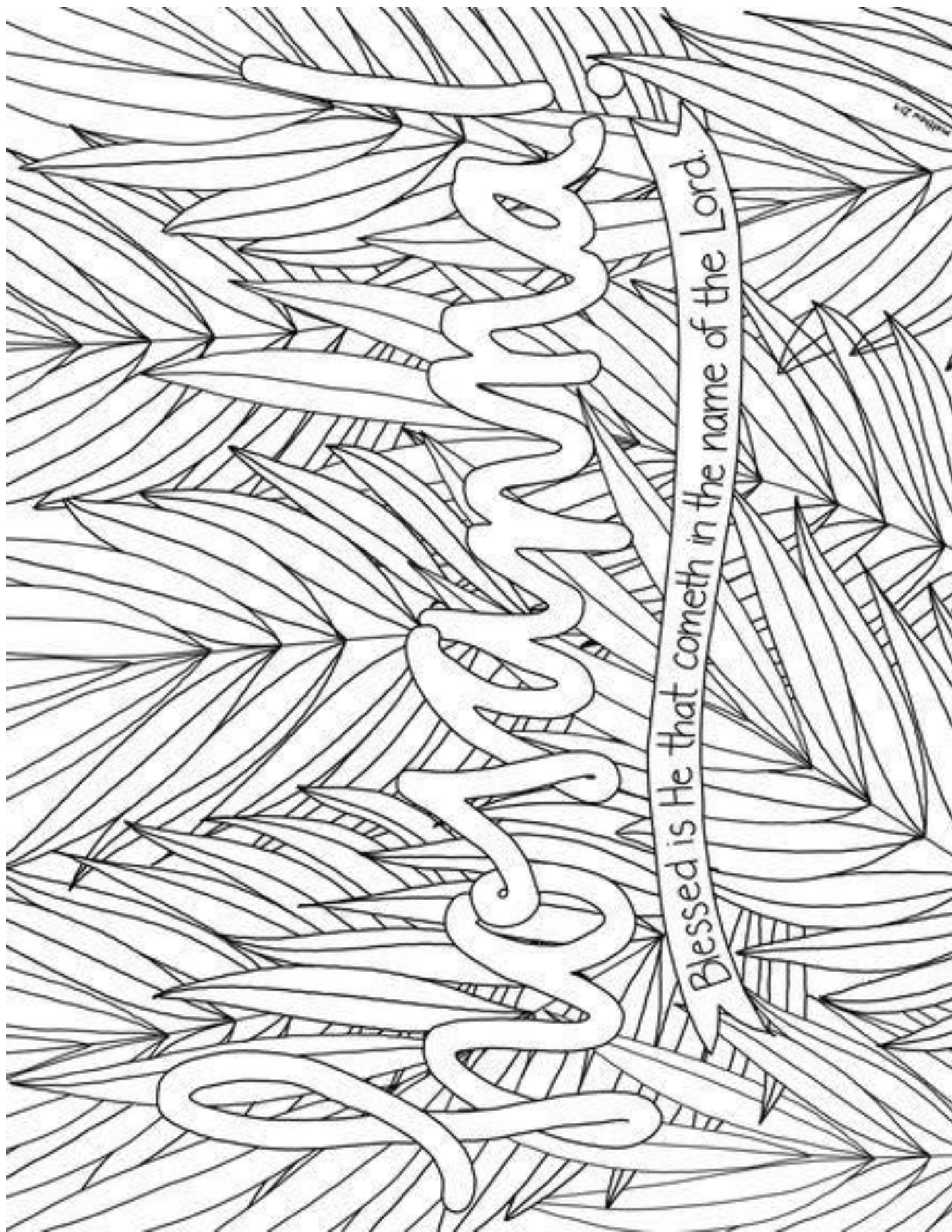
Cut out a donkey body shape and head – either use brown/grey card or colour it in yourself. If you have some string or wool you could stick some on for the tail and mane. If you have any googly eyes you could stick one on his face. Get 2 pegs and peg them onto the body as the donkey's legs.



Make a palm leaf using hand prints.

Either draw around your hands on green paper several times, or on plain paper and colour them in green. Alternatively use green paint to make handprints and then cut them out. Use a thick piece of card or lolly stick and then layer your hand prints on to make a leaf effect.





People Wave Palms to Jesus

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blessed
branches
coats
crowd
donkey
Hosanna
Jerusalem
Jesus
palms
village

