

JESUS RIDES INTO THE CITY

Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 21

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to the Daughter of Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ “

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on

them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Jesus tell his disciples to get from the village?
5		2.) What did the people place on the ground for the donkeys to walk on?
5		3.) What did the people say as Jesus passed by?
5		4.) Why do you think the people were praising Jesus as he rode by on the donkey?

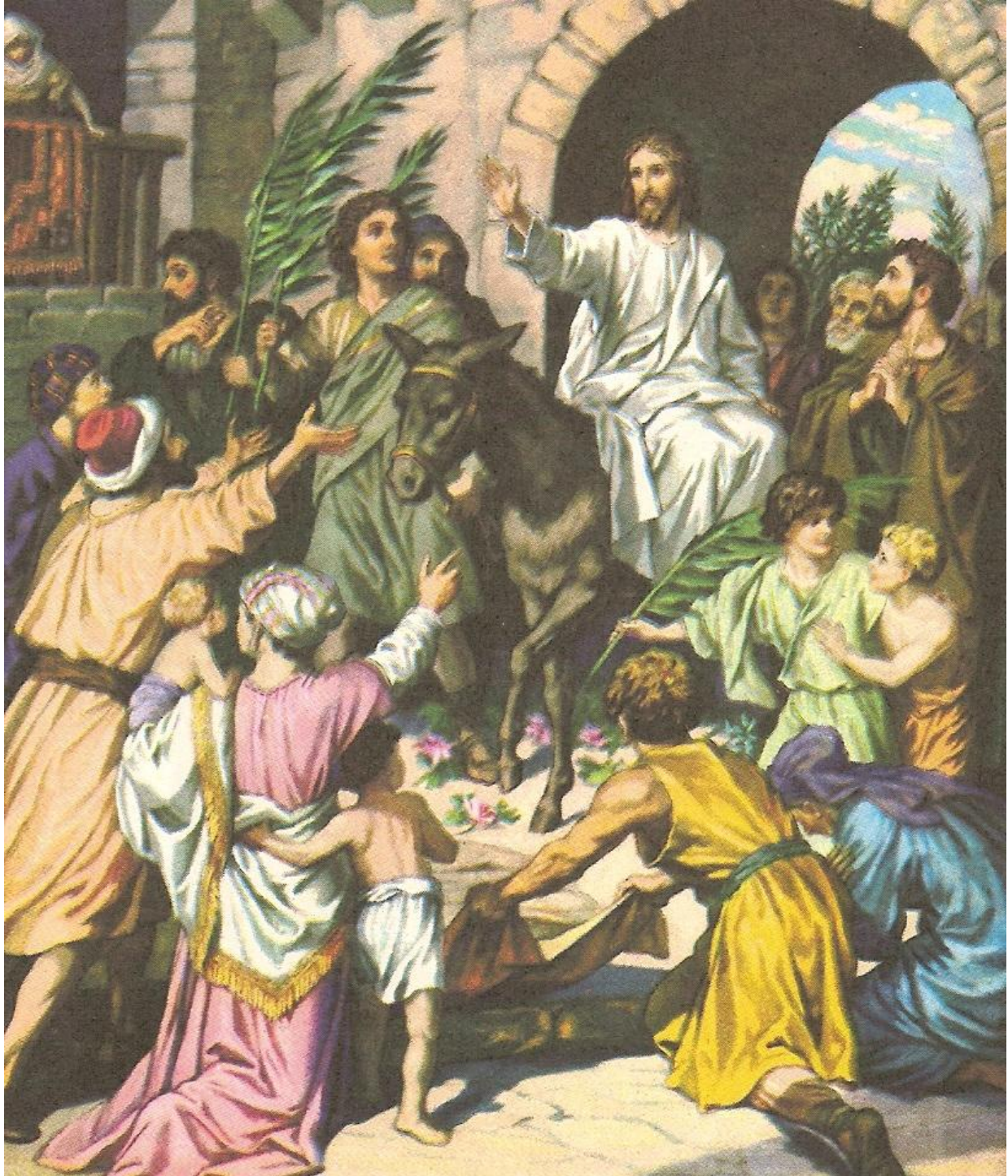
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 57:9</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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While Jesus rides into the city, people throw down palm branches for him to ride on

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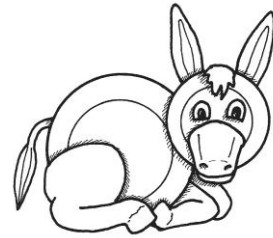
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: DONKEYS

Students will make donkeys to remind them that while Jesus rode into the city, people praised Jesus with their voices and by throwing down cloaks and palm branches.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Donkey Pattern (two pages)
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Paper Plates (small and large)



DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the donkey patterns onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the donkey body parts with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the body parts on the solid black lines.
4. Help students glue the body parts to the paper plates to assemble their donkeys.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their donkeys, remind them that Jesus is still worthy of praise. Encourage students to praise the Lord through prayer and singing for He has done great things.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 25 minutes

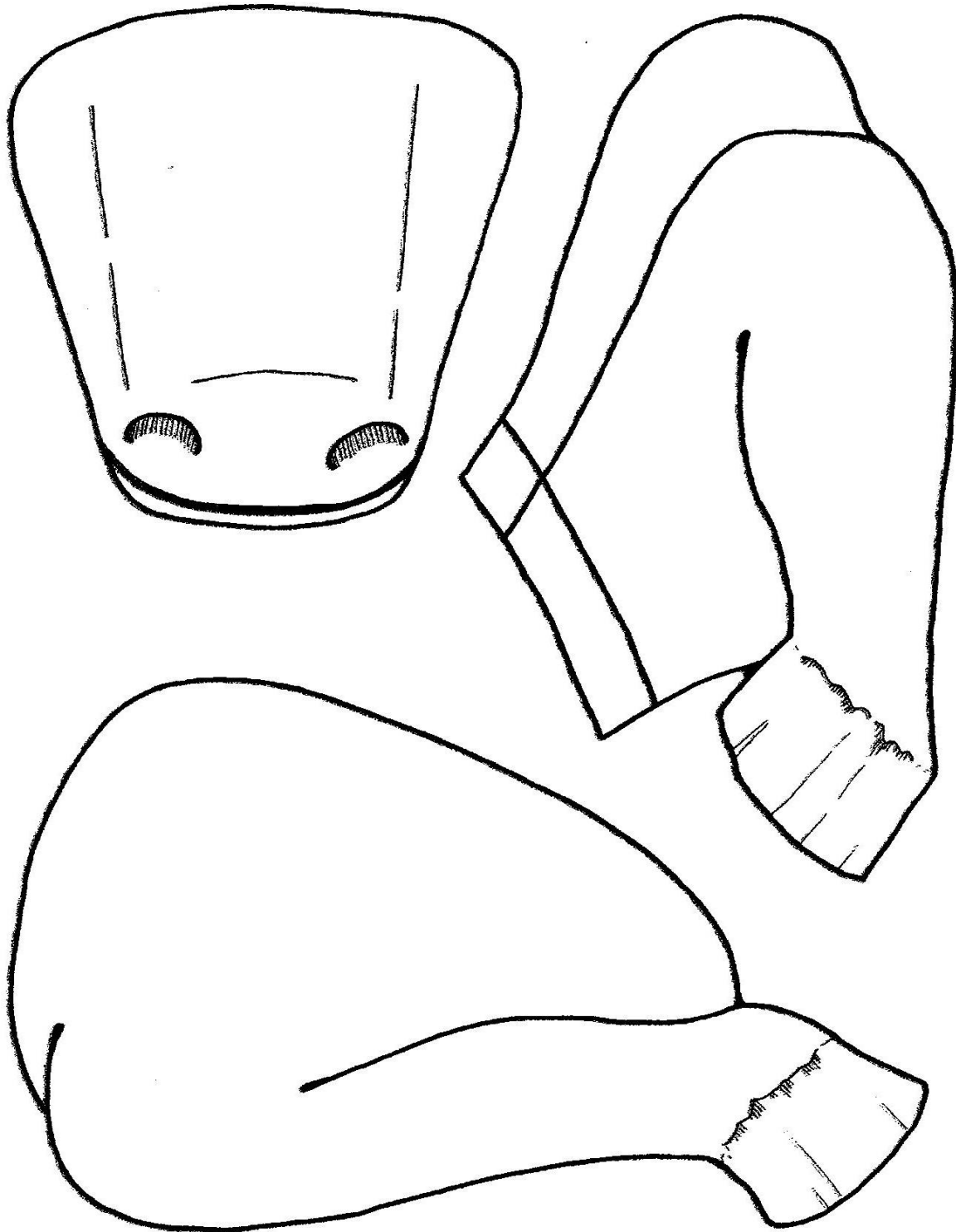
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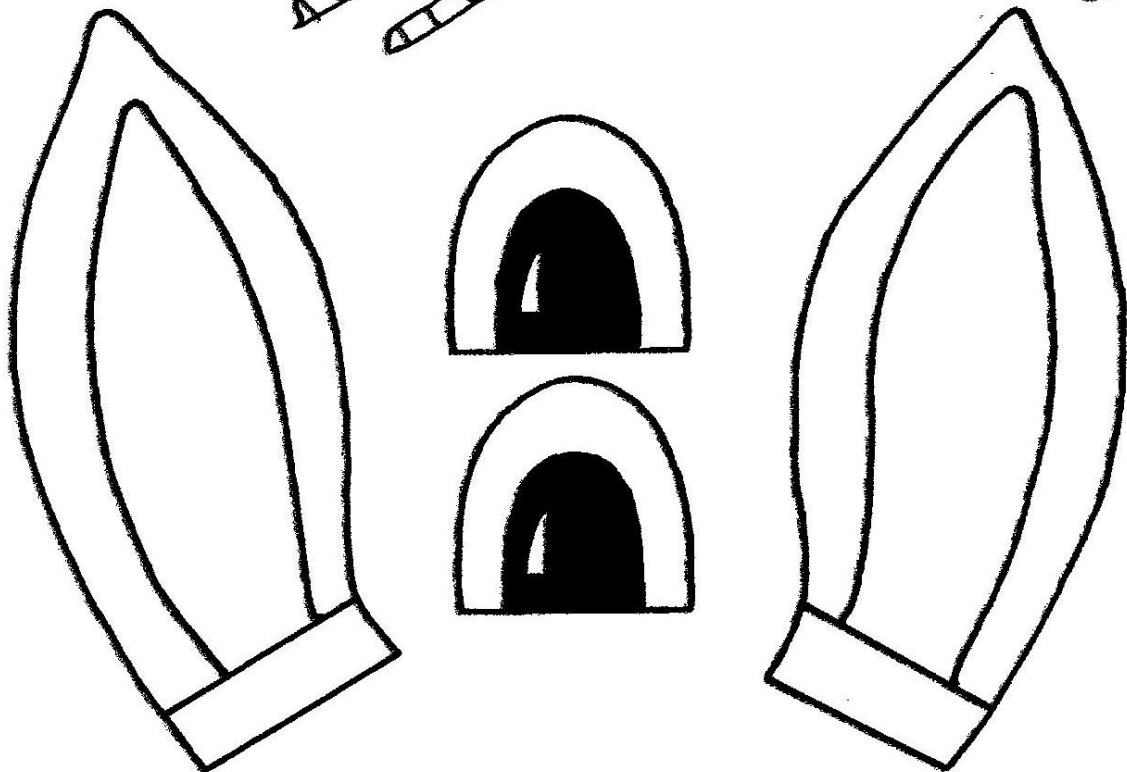
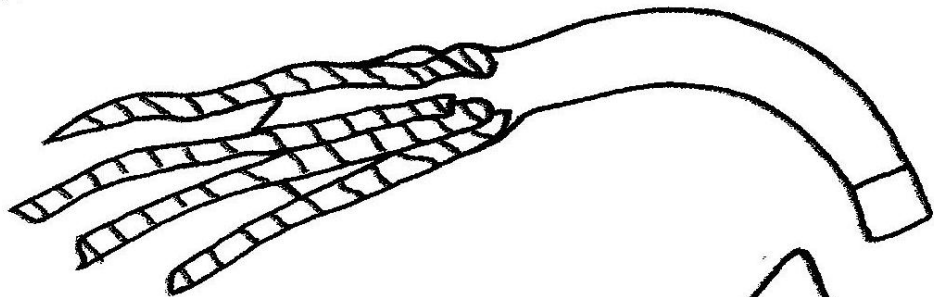
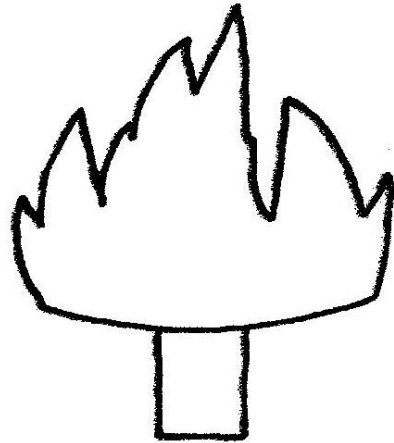
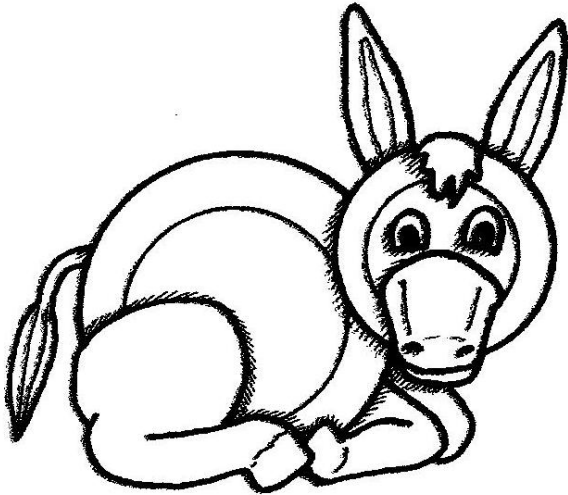
DONKEY PATTERN



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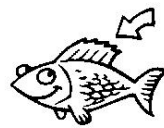
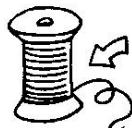


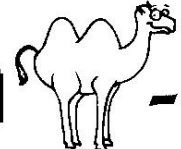

Can you solve the rebus? It's going to echo the shouts of joy that followers of Jesus made when He entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

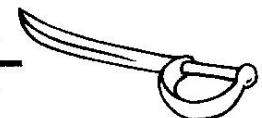
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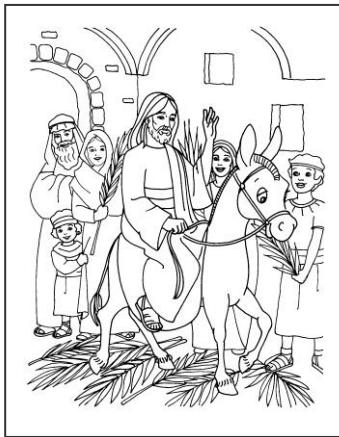


On the back of this paper, make your own rebus for the phrase "We want to praise Jesus."

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 21:1-11

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Before Jesus entered Jerusalem, he sent two of his disciples ahead of him to the next village. There they found two donkeys there. Jesus told them to untie the donkeys and bring them to him. Jesus

said, "If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This all took place to fulfill what was said in the past by a prophet that Jesus would ride into a town as a king on a donkey.

When the disciples brought back the donkeys, Jesus sat on top of cloaks and rode into the city.

As Jesus entered the city, a large crowd spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds in front of Jesus and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

For more details, please read Matthew 21:1-11 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples to get from the village?
2. What did the people place on the ground for the donkeys to walk on?
3. What did the people say as Jesus passed by?
4. Why do you think the people were praising Jesus as he rode by on the donkey?

MEMORY VERSE

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DRAW A PICTURE OF THE JESUS RIDING INTO THE CITY



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus rode into the city and was worshipped by the people.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Encourage your child to worship the Lord through song.

Bible Story Mini Book

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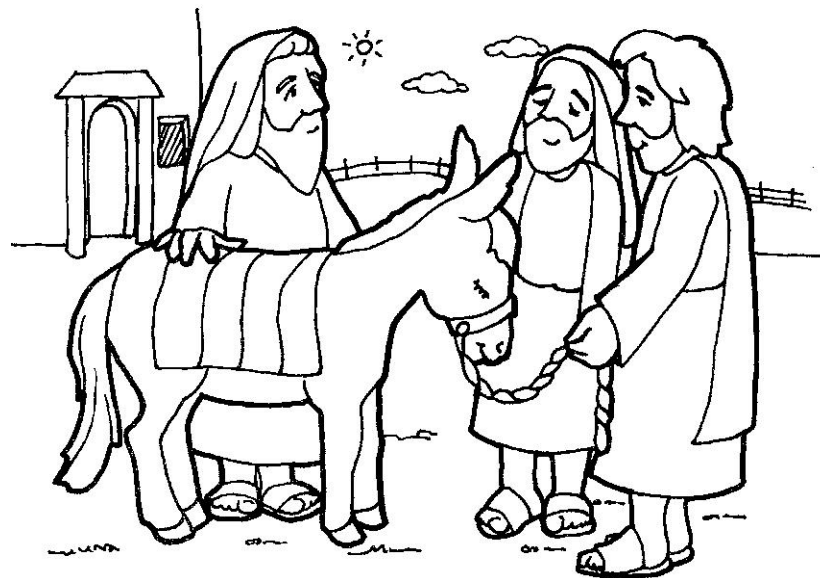


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People also threw down their jackets for Jesus to walk on.



Jesus told his disciples to find him donkey.

Memory Verse

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Bible Story Rhyme

Here comes Jesus into town,
(Touch your right pointer finger to your left palm and then your left pointer finger to your right palm)

See the people; they bow down.
(Bow down)

Hosanna! Hosanna! The people sing,
(Shake hands in the air)

On the donkey is our king!
(Pretend to place a crown on your head with two hands)



**Jesus rode into town on
a donkey.**

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



People began to throw branches on the ground. They shouted, “Hosanna!”

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A towel or a small blanket

Children find a donkey colt and bring it back for Jesus in this playful game.

Have the children stand in two equal lines on each side of the play area. One side will be the donkeys, and the other side will be the disciples.

Hand the towel or blanket to the first disciple. Say: **Disciples, it is your job to go find a donkey for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem. Take the towel, and go get a donkey from the other side. Donkeys, you will get down on your knees. Let the disciple put the towel over your back and then both of you will go back to the other side together. Disciples, when you've finished, hand the towel to the next disciple, who will go to get another donkey colt.** Continue play until all the donkeys are on the disciples' side.

Switch roles and let the children play again if they are still interested.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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