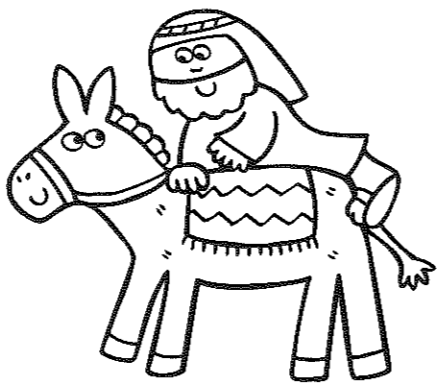


Palm Sunday



Read it from the Bible

Mark 11:1-11

'The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes on the road, while others went to cut branches from the fields.'

Mark 11:7-8

Tell the story

Jesus was walking to a big city called Jerusalem. He told two of his friends, "Please go into that village over there. You will see a young donkey tied up near a gate. Untie it and bring it to me."

"But what if someone asks what we're doing?" they asked.

"Just tell them that I need to borrow their donkey," Jesus said.

So the men went to find it. They put coats over the donkey's back to make it more comfortable for Jesus to sit on.

Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. People cheered and laid their coats on the ground to make a carpet. They cut branches from the palm trees at the side of the road and waved them in the air as the procession passed. "Hooray for Jesus," everybody shouted.

"Hooray for the special King God promised to send us."

Talk to God

Thank you, Jesus, that you are our friend as well as a special king.

Use the picture

1 Use the picture to help you review the story together. Provide each child with a copy of the picture and ask them to tell you who is in it. Give them plenty of time to colour their picture of Jesus and the donkey.

2 When all the pictures are complete, look at them together and chat about the events of the story.

3 Point out that the pictures all show Jesus and a donkey. Why is Jesus getting on the donkey? Can anyone remember where he was going to on the donkey? What happened when Jesus rode into Jerusalem? What did the people shout out? What did they wave? Encourage all the children to contribute answers.

4 Look at the pictures again and ask the children to cheer and wave, as the people in the crowd did. Explain that we can feel just as excited today because Jesus is our friend: cheer and wave again!



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