

Children and family talk for Palm Sunday 10th April 2022

Good morning, everyone!

There are a few special days in Easter that we observe as Christians, there is Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Today is a special day called Palm Sunday, named after the Palm branches that were waved in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. If you have a chance, see if you can find out about the other special Easter days. But now we're going to read about Palm Sunday from

Luke 19 verses 28 to 40.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem as a King

²⁸ After Jesus said this, he went on toward Jerusalem. ²⁹ Jesus came near Bethphage and Bethany, towns near the hill called the Mount of Olives. Then he sent out two of his followers. ³⁰ He said, "Go into the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied there. No one has ever ridden this colt. Untie it, and bring it here to me. ³¹ If anyone asks you why you are taking it, say, 'The Master needs it.'"

³² The two followers went into town. They found the colt just as Jesus told them. ³³ The followers untied it, but the owners of the colt came out. They asked the followers, "Why are you untying our colt?"

³⁴ The followers answered, "The Master needs it." ³⁵ So they brought it to Jesus. They threw their coats on the colt's back and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As Jesus rode toward Jerusalem, the followers spread their coats on the road before him.

³⁷ Jesus was coming close to Jerusalem. He was already near the bottom of the Mount of Olives. The whole crowd of followers was very happy. They began shouting praise to God for all the powerful works they had seen. They said,

³⁸ "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
There is peace in heaven and glory to God!" *Psalm 118:26*

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell your followers not to say these things!"

⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if my followers don't say these things, then the stones will cry out."

M: So, the people were really happy to see Jesus then?

S: Well, they thought they were, they had been stirred up by the news that Jesus had brought Lazarus back from the dead, and also by the other miracles they had seen.

M: Why didn't Jesus arrive in a chariot with horses and guards like a real King?

S: I guess Jesus didn't want that sort of attention, he had been speaking with ordinary people and walking among them, healing the unwell, and making friends with anyone who was prepared to

follow him, Jesus didn't want to be above the ordinary people, he wanted everyone to be his friend, and I guess he still does.

M: I wish I had been there to see Jesus too.

S: Yes, me too Mickey, it must have seemed like a real celebration, but maybe not for Jesus.

M: What do you mean?

S: Jesus knew what was going to happen next, and it wasn't going to be very nice, the people would turn against him, he would be arrested and put to death.

M: Oh NO!

S: I'm afraid so. But we know that's not the end of the story, don't we?

M: Do we?

S: Yes Mickey, Jesus comes back to life on Easter day, and that's why we celebrate Easter!

M: Oh, I can't wait, lots of Easter eggs for me!

S: Well, you'll have to wait Mickey, cos that's not until next Sunday.

Let's talk to God now;

Lord Jesus,
as the donkey carried you into Jerusalem,
help us to carry others who need our help.
When they cry, let us cry with them;
when they are happy, let us celebrate.
Let us journey together.

Amen.

Let's finish by saying the grace together:

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if receiving a present)

The Love of God (Cross your hands over your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands together)

Be with us all, now and for evermore, Amen. (Bring thumbs together).

Here is a link for a song: Brenton Brown - Hosanna (Praise is rising) <https://youtu.be/FgrLaUYSPA0>

And here is the link for the activity page: [activity-sheet-10-april-2022.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-10-april-2022.pdf)