

Palm Sunday

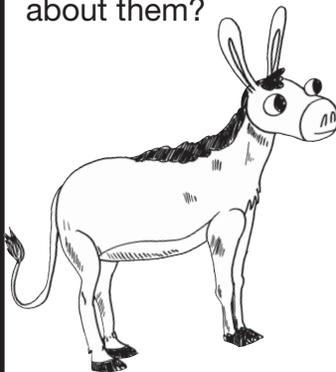
Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40



Hosanna! The people shouted and cheered as Jesus rode a humble donkey into Jerusalem during the festival of Passover. They waved palms to celebrate his arrival and laid their cloaks on the ground to welcome him. This event is what we celebrate today on Palm Sunday.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



The **donkey** was a symbol that Jesus came in peace. A conqueror would have ridden a horse into Jerusalem.

Crowds greeted Jesus like a king, praising him for his miracles and quoting the words of a psalm to welcome him (Psalm 118:26).



Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph for the festival of Passover. Roman and Jewish leaders noticed his popularity, and were concerned.

About the Video

At Jesus' request, the disciples brought him a humble donkey to ride into Jerusalem. The people waved palm branches, made a path of clothing and branches for Jesus, and exclaimed, "Hosanna!" as they welcomed the man they believed would be their new king. But in the end, the cries of the people changed quickly.

- Why did Jesus choose to ride a donkey?
- How do you think it would have felt to be in the crowd that day?
- How do you celebrate Palm Sunday at your church?

Try This!

On a large piece of paper or a flattened paper grocery bag, draw the outline of a donkey. Sketch or print out little Jesus figures. Using a blindfold and tape, play "Pin Jesus on the Donkey" together.

Prayer

Dear God, we are ready to share your love with our friends and family. We are ready to cheer for Jesus every day. Hosanna to Jesus! Amen!

