

During this time at home, we are missing meeting together at Adventurers, Mother's & Toddlers, Saturday Football and our regular Sunday services.

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The aim of the activity sheets we will be sending out is to get all the family involved by learning together, crafting and talking about the reason Easter is so special and more about Jesus who helps us in these difficult times. Start with the 'Bible Passage' box and continue in any order from there.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

You can find it in your Bible in :

Matthew 21 v 1-11

Read the story together – choose a translation or children's bible which will be easy to read as a group. (If you don't have a bible you can download one for free on your phone or use biblegateway.com)



Family Activity

You will need: Leaves, sticks, rocks, paper etc. In your garden or on your daily walk, try to collect some leaves to make into a collage at home.

The people in the story we read were so excited to welcome Jesus. This was because they knew He was the King that had been promised for a long time and so they grabbed whatever they could find to worship him! This was coats and leaves and palm branches. This is why we call today Palm Sunday.

Now arrange all the things you have found into a picture and stick them down. You could even use some pencil crayons or paint too. When you look at the picture it can remind you of the people praising Jesus as he came into Jerusalem.

Older Children: As you go out to scavenge, try to find 3 things that show us God is a great designer. Remember that God has power to design all of creation and yet Jesus died just because He loves YOU!

A Question for Children to ask Parents: Can you think of a time when you had a visit from someone important or exciting? What happened and how did it make you feel?

Questions for Parents to ask Children: What did the people in the story shout? What do you think 'Hosanna' means?

The word Hosanna in the Hebrew language translates to 'save us', it was used in Psalm 118 v 25 (try looking this verse up – it is the verse after todays memory verse). The people are welcoming Jesus into the city as their Saviour. Jesus arrived on a colt which fulfilled prophecies (a message from God) from a long time ago.

Everyone: Consider how you would respond in that situation. How do we show the same 'Hosanna' response today?

Psalm 118 v24 "This is the day that

the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Sometimes life is difficult. When you feel sad or worried it can be hard to be glad but every day we have things to be thankful for and can thank God for.

Prayer

Together say a short prayer of the things you are thankful for. Remember to also pray for those in our country who are unwell, separated from their loved ones, and all the NHS staff working hard to help save lives.



