One day Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. Lots of people were going to Jerusalem because it was time for the Passover Feast. This was a special meal to remember how God had protected the Israelite children. People came from all around for this special celebration. Jerusalem was full of people.

Jesus Arrives in Jerusalem

When Jesus and his disciples were getting close to Jerusalem, Jesus told two of his disciples to run ahead of them into the city. There they would find a young donkey tied to a tree. Jesus told them to get the donkey and bring it back to him. He said, “If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkey, tell them Jesus needs it and then it will be returned.”

His disciples ran ahead, and just inside the city, just as Jesus had said, there was a young donkey tied to a tree. They untied it and someone stopped them to see what they were doing. The disciples answered that Jesus needed the donkey and it would be returned. The people in Jerusalem had heard of Jesus and they were willing to let him borrow the donkey. So, the disciples led the donkey back to where Jesus and the other disciples were walking.

The disciples put clothes on the donkey’s back and then Jesus climbed up on top and rode it into the town of Jerusalem. When other people saw Jesus coming, they started laying clothes and branches for the palm trees on the ground in front of where the donkey was walking. They were making a special path for Jesus. The people knew that Jesus was special. They had heard about his teachings and the miracles he had done. They knew he must be the Son of God. They started saying “Hosanna, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

Many people cheered and worshiped Jesus as he was entered Jerusalem, but not everyone was excited to see Jesus coming to town. There were also people who didn’t believe that Jesus was the Son of God. It made these people very angry to hear other people praising Jesus. These people were the Pharisees. They were the high priest and elders. They worked in the church. They studied the scriptures and told everyone how to follow the rules and live the way God wanted them to live. They were supposed to be the good guys, but they were very jealous of Jesus. They were jealous that people loved Jesus. They didn’t think Jesus was the one the scripture was saying would come to rescue the people. They thought he was lying and just trying to trick people, and this made them very angry. So, that day, they decided they would have Jesus killed. He was messing up their plans and they were going to come up with a sneaky plan to arrest him and have him crucified. The Pharisees decided to wait until after the Passover celebration. They thought there were too many people visiting Jerusalem who might try to help Jesus. They weren’t exactly sure what they were going to do but they were afraid if they didn’t do something soon, people would listen to Jesus more then they listened to them. Their minds were made up that it was time for them to put an end to Jesus’s ministry.

Jesus knew bad things were about to start happening to him. He had warned the disciples many times that his time on earth was about to be over, but they didn’t understand what he meant. All the disciples could see was how much people loved Jesus. They didn’t understand what was about to happen, but even when Jesus was riding on the donkey’s back listening to the people shout “Hosanna,” he knew exactly what the Pharisees were planning to do.

Printing Practice

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1. Why were Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem?
2. What did Jesus tell two of his disciples to run ahead of them to get?
3. What did Jesus do with the donkey?
4. What were the people shouting when Jesus entered the city?
5. What did the people put on the ground in front of the donkey?
6. Why didn’t the priest and elders like Jesus?
7. What were they planning to do?
8. Why did they want to wait until after the Passover to try to capture Jesus?
9. Who else knew what they Pharisees were planning to do?

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Jesus had twelve disciples. Twelve is a good number for making teams because you can make a team with 2 people, 3 people, 4 people or 6 people and the teams will be even Sometimes Jesus asked his disciples to do stuff in teams or groups. Look at the pictures below see if you can figure out how many people will be on each team.

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Memory Verse

Find it, Read It, Write It, Explain It!

**Hosanna, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Mark 11:9**

Cursive Practice

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“I am not doing that”

Has anyone told to do something that you

didn’t really want to do? Maybe it was something gross, scary,

or even a little strange. The bible tells us that the Messiah was going to ride into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. That sounds strange to me. Donkeys aren’t fancy yet that was the plan for someone as important as Jesus. Jesus didn’t act like it was too gross or too strange of a thing for him to do because he knew it was important. Sometimes God will ask us to do something that

sounds a little strange. We need to be

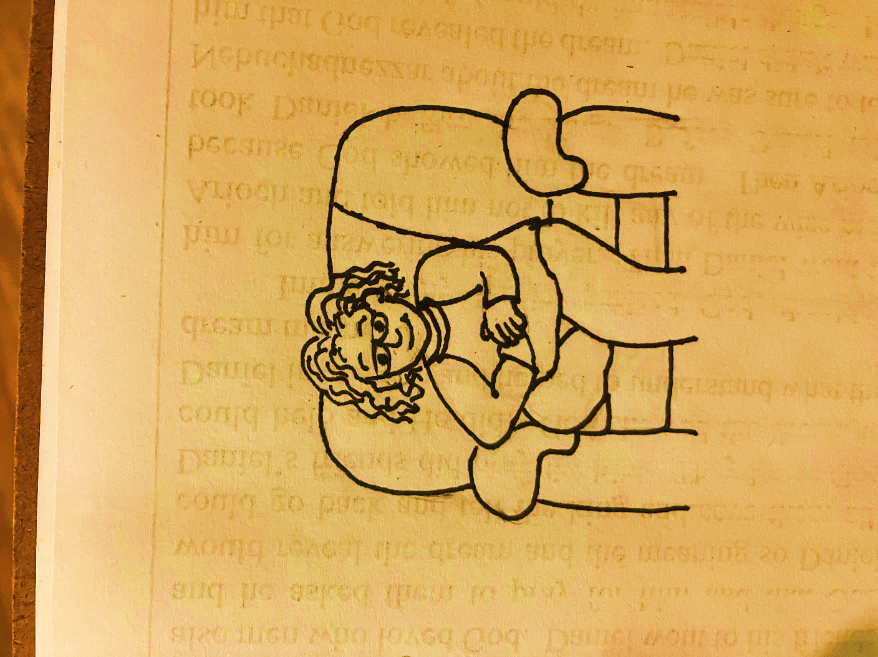
prepared to do whatever he’s asking us to do

even if it seems a little strange. God

knows the whole plan so we can

trust Him, even with the

strange parts.



Crossword Puzzle

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1. Who did the Pharisees want to kill?
2. How many disciples did Jesus tell to run ahead into the city?
3. What did Jesus ride on into Jerusalem?

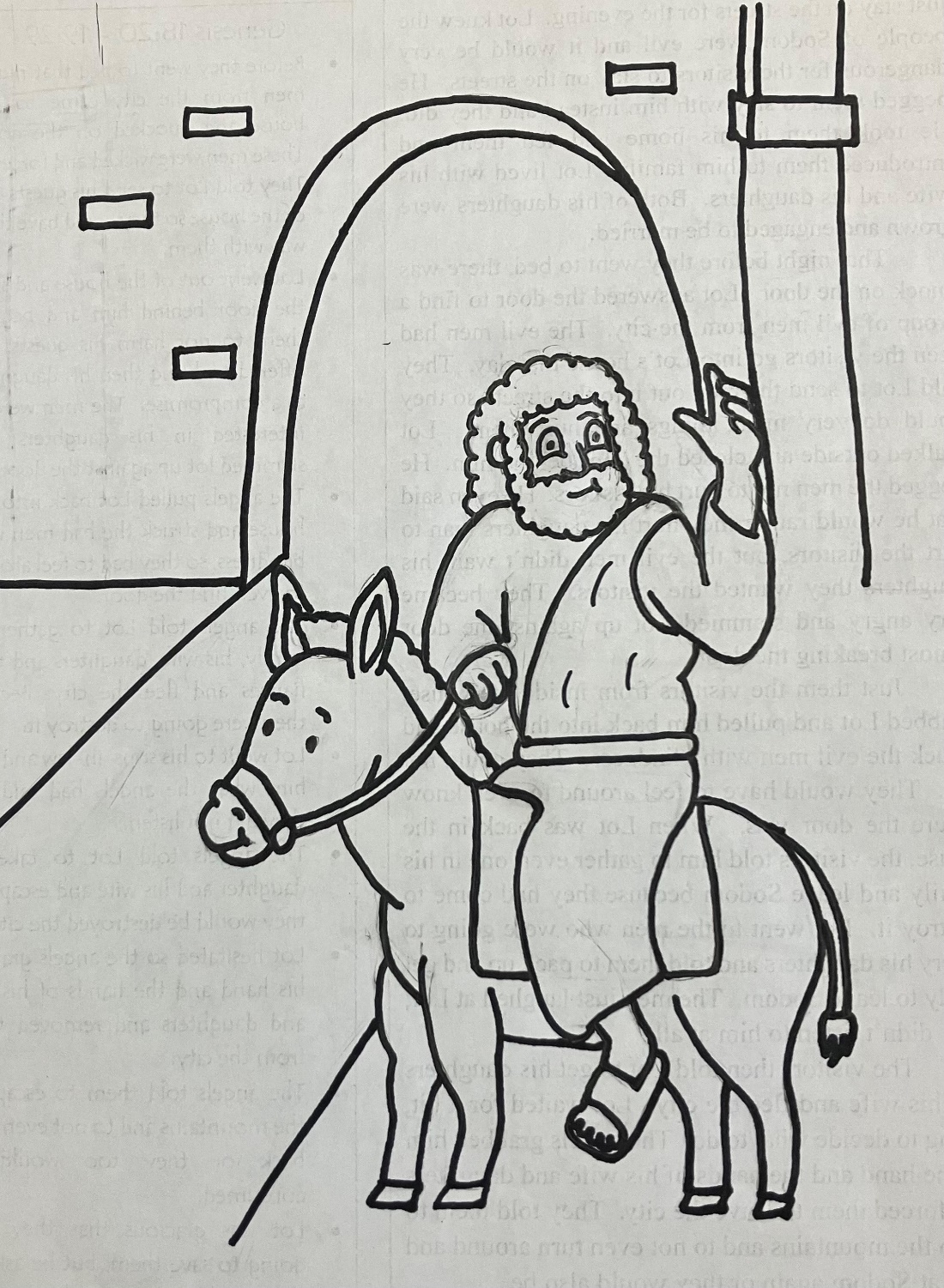
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2. What did Jesus tell the disciples the donkey

would be tied to?

1. What did Jesus do to the donkey?
2. What did the people shout as Jesus rode by them?
3. The Pharisees did not believe that Jesus was the Son of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Hosanna, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9

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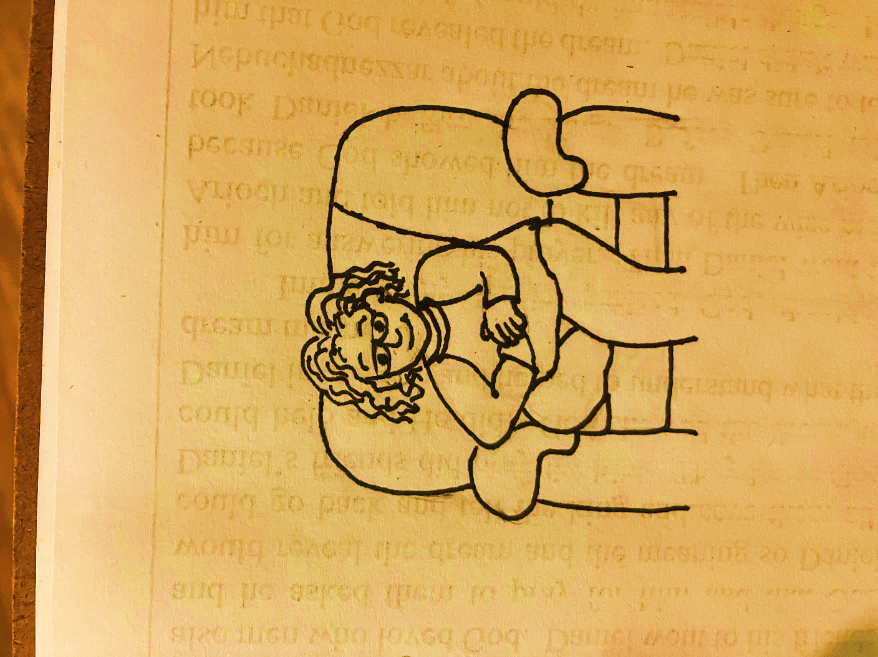
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1 – green 2 – dark gray 3 – purple

4 – light gray 5 - brown



Dear God,

Thank you for this lesson.

Thank you so much for

Jesus! Thank you for your plan that included

him riding a donkey. Donkeys seem so gross and

stinky and, in my mind, they aren’t special enough for Jesus to ride. You had a special plan for that donkey. That donkey was a very important part of helping people understand that Jesus was the Messiah. Please help us to remember this donkey if we have times when we feel that we aren’t special. Please help us remember that you have a special plan and a purpose for us just as you did for

the donkey. Please help us look to you to figure

out what special plan you have for our lives.

Please help to make the right choices to do

the job you have for us to do.

In Jesus’ Name,

Amen