





Hello and welcome to Messy Church at home.

This month, as before, the programme will be in two parts. The material below, you can follow at your own pace and then join us for a Zoom 'get together' at **4pm on Sunday 28**th **March** to sing, chat, look at your craft work and just generally have some fun!!!!

This is a very special week, we call it 'Holy Week' as we think about Jesus, and the things that happened to him in the week before Easter Day. Our celebration falls on 'Palm Sunday', the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and the people greeted him as their King! So lets start with a song about that:

"The Clip Clop Beat" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ts7RnAEjqMU

We can read about this in the book of Luke, Chapter 19, starting at verse 28:

Jesus Enters Jerusalem as a King

After Jesus said this, he went on toward Jerusalem. Jesus came near Bethphage and Bethany, towns near the hill called the Mount of Olives. Then he sent out two of his followers. 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. If anyone asks you why you are taking it, say, 'The Master needs it.'"

The two followers went into town. They found the colt just as Jesus told them.

The followers untied it, but the owners of the colt came out. They asked the followers, "Why are you untying our colt?" The followers answered, "The Master needs it." So they brought it to Jesus. They threw their coats on the colt's back and put Jesus on it. As Jesus rode toward Jerusalem,

the followers spread their coats on the road before him.

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:

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

Some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell your followers not to say these things!" But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if my followers don't say these things, then the stones will cry out."

People believed Jesus was a king. But he was a different sort of king.

His power was far, far greater than anything people had known, yet he rode on a Donkey!

The Bible says that Jesus was a King, but rather than being the King who is in charge of a country like our queen, he is a king who is in charge of people's

lives. Christians are people who believe that Jesus was someone so special that they want him to be in charge of their lives - like a King!

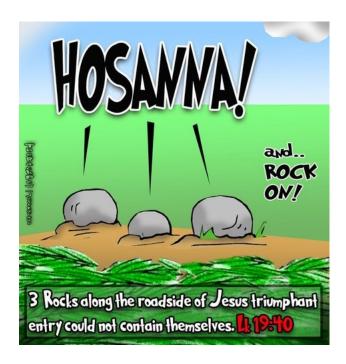
Thank God that Jesus really cared about people and that he can make a difference in our lives, when we make him our King!



Let's celebrate that as we sing: "Make Way for the King of Kings!"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tK6XuYhL7JI





Quick Quiz:

(Answers at the bottom of the page)

- 1. Where does the gueen of Great Britain live when she comes to Scotland?
- 2. What does a king or queen wear on their head on special occasions?
- 3. Who is Prince William's brother?
- 4. Who is Queen Elizabeth II's husband?
- 5. How many years has Queen Elizabeth reigned in the United Kingdom? (NB: she was proclaimed queen on 6 February 1952)
- 6. Who is next in line to the throne?
- 7. When was the Golden Jubilee?
- 8. Does every country have a king or queen?

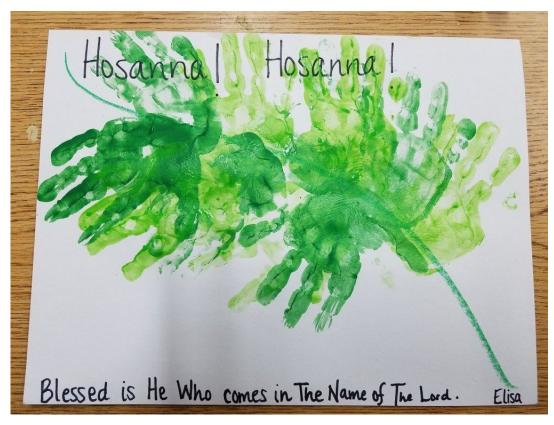


How many versions of Palm leaves, or branches can you create?

'Palm' Printing.

Using different green paints, use your hands to create Palm branches





Paper Palm Leaf:

Using the template on the next page, create your leaf. Make the stalk using a tightly rolled piece of paper, or use a stiff straw or pipe-cleaner.

Stick the stalk to the back of the leaf. Wave when singing a praise song!



Praise Banner:

Colour in or decorate the 'Banner' template. Using a folded paper plate, attach to one end of the 'banner' as a 'handle'.

Don't forget the Donkey!



Template below.



Let's finish up with a Song and a Prayer

'Cloaks & Branches, Everybody Sing!'

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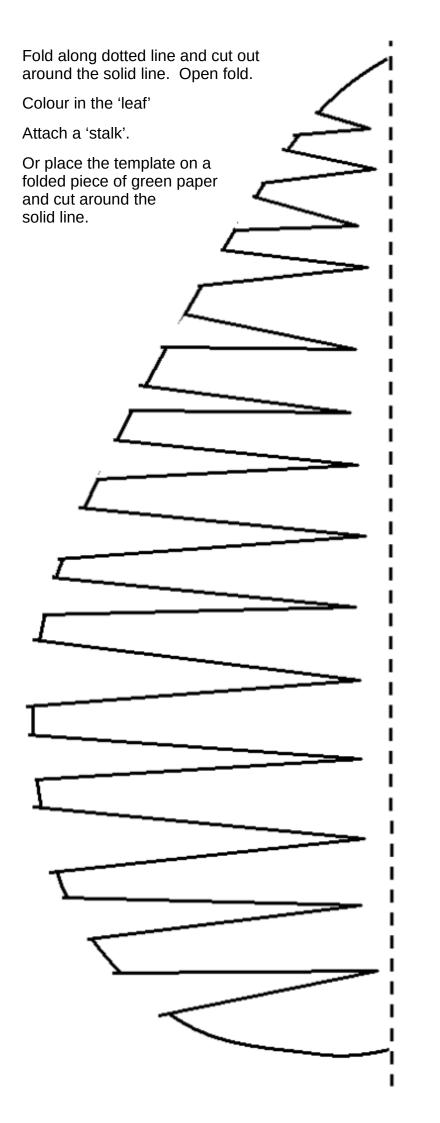
Dear Lord,

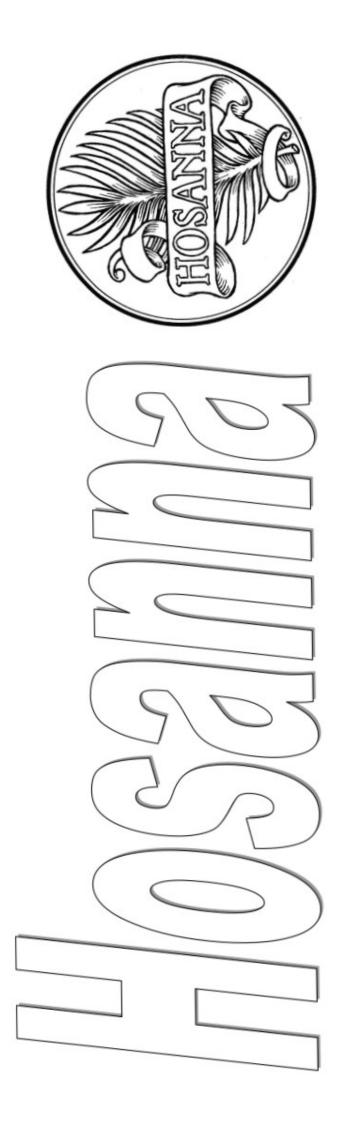
Thank you for Jesus and his care for us. Thank you that we can call on him to help us each day. As we get ready to celebrate Easter, help us to remember those who, like Jesus in Holy Week, are having a difficult time at the moment. Show us what we can do to help others in Jesus' name. We pray for those who are hungry, those who don't have a safe home or who are sick. Please look after them and help us to play our part by speaking kindly to people, just as you taught us to.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



See you on Sunday at 4pm!



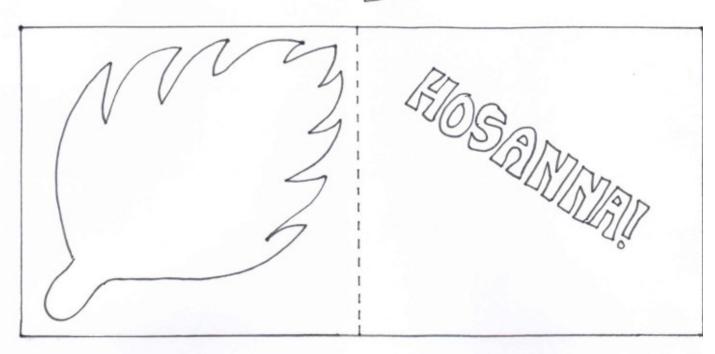


Banner Template: Colour and decorate the banner.

Cut out along solid line.

Stick a 'handle' on one end. (Folded paper plate or tightly rolled paper)

Palm Sunday Spinner

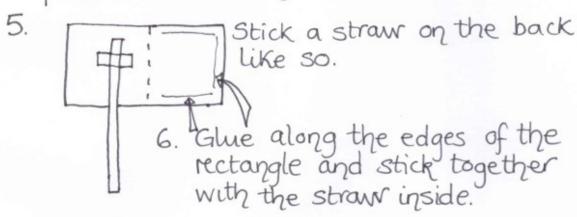


1. Cut out the rectangle above

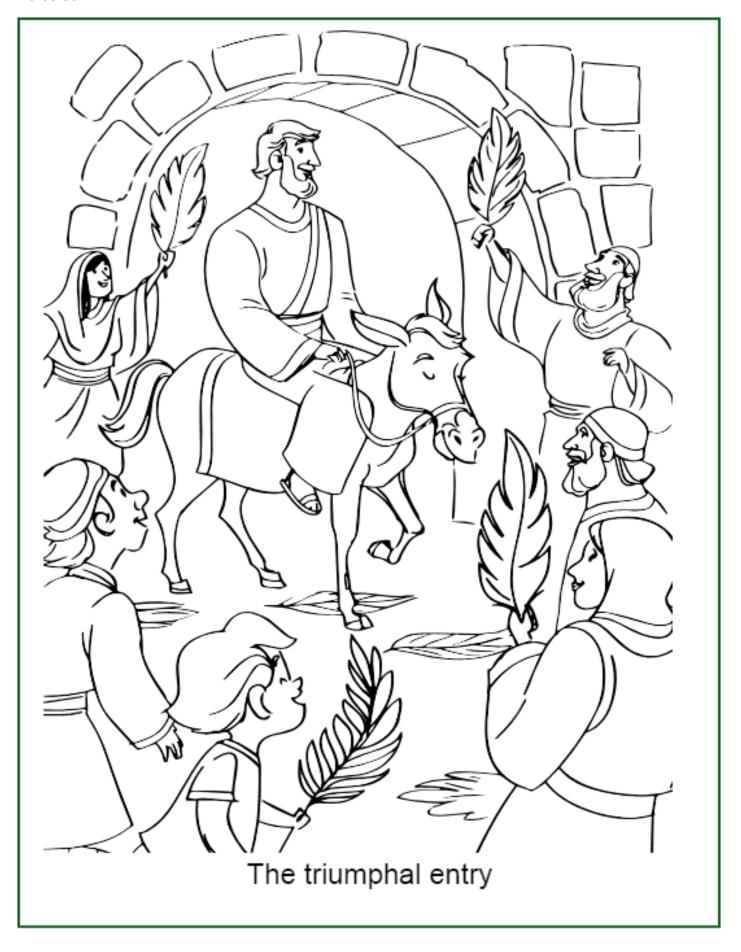
2. Colour in the palm leaf and the 'hosanna'

3. fold along the dotted line

4. Open the rectangle up again and place picture side down

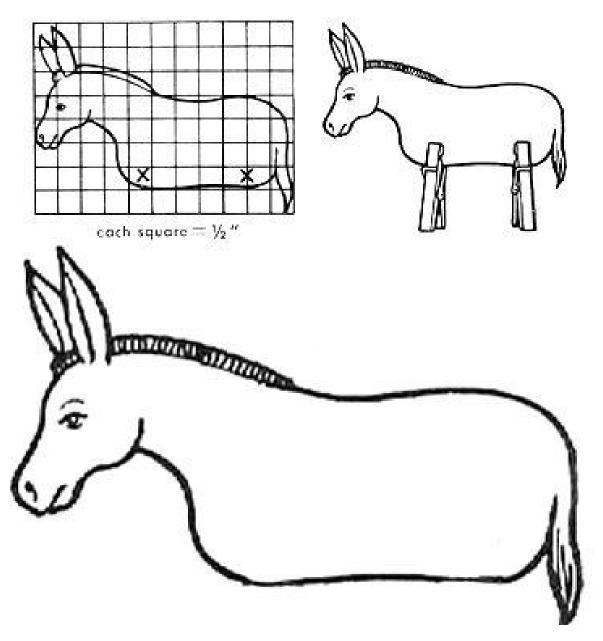


Twizzle straw between your hands and watch what happens!





Hosanna! "I tell you, is these were silent, even the stones would cry out!"



Cut out the Donkey shape, and clip on the clothes pegs to make him stand up.

Or try drawing your own Donkey, use a 'grid' to help.

Choose a verse from the story, or use the one above to write on your Donkey

