



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A – Palm Sunday - Jesus enters Jerusalem -Drama

Matthew 21, 1-11 (entrance); Isaiah 50, 4-7; Psalm 21, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 2, 6-11; Matthew 26, 14-27, 66

NARRATOR: Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once."

NARRATOR: This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."* The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

THE CROWD: *"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."* (Wave the palms and sing: **Hosanna** - see below)

NARRATOR: And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,

ONE PERSON: "Who is this?"

THE CROWD: *"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."*

Song: Hosanna Rock (see below)

Reflection

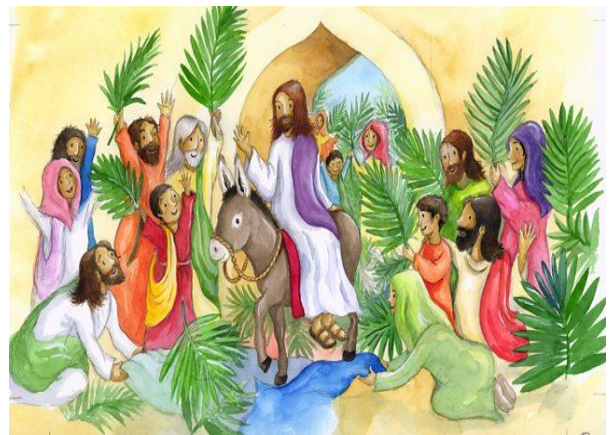
Jesus entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover and to complete His mission to suffer and die on the cross for the forgiven of our sins and to open the gates of Heaven for us. **How did Jesus know a donkey awaited and its master would lend it to Him?** (He is God and knows everything.) **How did they receive Him in Jerusalem** (Praising Him as King.) **What did they yell? What does Hosanna mean?** (Save us.) **Why do the Pharisees want the people to stop shouting?** (The people were praising the coming of the Savior, the King who comes in the name of the Lord. But the Pharisees did not accept Jesus as the promised Messiah.) **How do we show Jesus every day that He is our King and Savior?** Share.

Activity: Below, fill in the blanks and color; or color the symbols of Holy Week; or color Jesus entering Jerusalem.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for loving me so much! Although King of the Universe, you humbled yourself to be crucified and died for me. Help me to always honor you. May my words and actions always give you glory. Amen.

Song: Hosanna Rock, Yancynotnancy, <https://youtu.be/iVwhdqDrfz8>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oZRDB77dh3oV77zNqIQppBzN9yKeelJK/edit?usp=share_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true





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Palm Sunday Gospel

Matthew 21, 1-11(entrance); Isaiah 50, 4-7; Philippians 2, 6-11 50; Psalm 21, 8-9, 17-18; Matthew 27, 11-54 (short)

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise, the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. *Here all kneel and pause for a short time.* And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Reflection: Why didn't Jesus defend himself with Pontius Pilate? (He knew His mission and God's will was to suffer and die on the cross to save us.) Why did the people turn on Him? (The Pharisees convinced them He was not the Son of God and had blasphemed.)

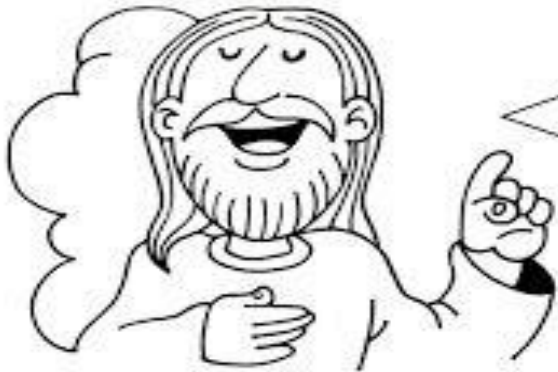
Activity: Do the Stations of the Cross.



Jesus enters Jerusalem

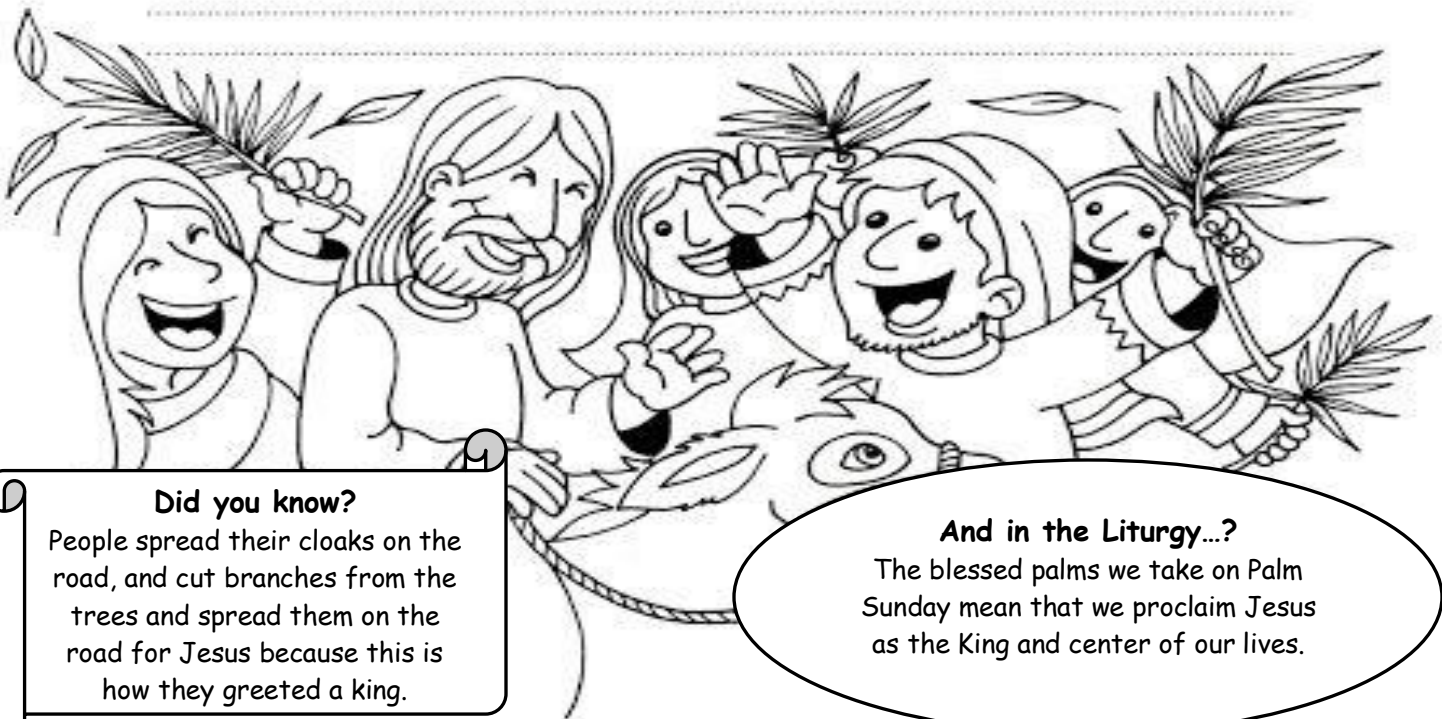
(Search Mt. 21: 1-11 to complete the sentence.)

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Did you know?

People spread their cloaks on the road, and cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road for Jesus because this is how they greeted a king.

And in the Liturgy...?

The blessed palms we take on Palm Sunday mean that we proclaim Jesus as the King and center of our lives.



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday.

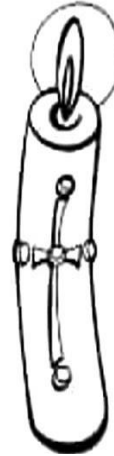
Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday



Paschal Triduum

The Paschal Triduum is the period of time when we commemorate the Pasion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

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