

STORY

Palm Sunday - Matthew - 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19

8/4/03

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I am mindful how Your Son, our Savior, came in great humility to suffer and die for my sins, so I come to You now in great humility, asking You to guide me as I teach Your lambs Your Word. Unless Your mighty hand directs me I know that I cannot lead these children aright. I pray therefore that You would give me full measure of Your Holy Spirit that He may work through the Word in the hearts of Your little lambs. It is indeed a joy and a privilege to bring Your holy Word to Your children, knowing that You will accomplish great things in them through that Word. Thank You, dear Father. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Bethphage – (BETH-fa-gee) A small town on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho (east of Jerusalem). No trace of the city remains today.

"The Prophet" – A phrase used often in the New Testament which can refer to any Old Testament prophet. Here it is a reference to the Prophet Zechariah.

Zion – The name of the southwestern hill of Jerusalem where David built a fortress and his own house. Zion later was used to refer to Jerusalem and its inhabitants, and still later to signify all of God's people (the Christian Church).

Hosanna – Means "Save!" "Save, I pray" or "Save now." It is a Hebrew or Aramaic expression that came to be used as an exclamation of praise or honor.

OUTER AIM

Lower - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Upper - Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility.

INNER AIM

Lower - Jesus is our Savior, and we will worship Him.

Upper - Jesus, the Son of God, came as a humble servant to save all mankind.

BACKGROUND

(*Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 2, pp. 299-309*)

This account is used both in Advent and in Lent. In Advent it is used to point ahead to Jesus' Second Coming, and in Lent as the beginning of Holy Week. All four Gospels record the account, which tells us something of its importance. We find here a fulfillment of two Old Testament prophecies: Psalm 24:7-10 and Zechariah 9:9. (Consider reading these prophecies at the beginning of the lesson, asking the students to see if they can tell how they were fulfilled as the events of Palm Sunday progressed.)

v. 1-3

- ▶ Jesus traveled to Jerusalem knowing full well that He would die there. (Matthew 16:21) This is further evidence that neither Satan nor humans could take Jesus' life from Him, but He could lay it down willingly. (John 10:18)
- ▶ Jesus here demonstrated that, although He set aside the *full* use of his divine powers, He was still true God, able by His divine power to know of the donkey and know that the owners would allow his disciples to take it.

v. 4-6

- ▶ No matter how seemingly insignificant, Jesus did not leave even one prophecy unfulfilled. Here He fulfilled what was earlier spoken by the Prophet Zechariah.
- ▶ The choice of a donkey rather than a nobler mode of transportation is significant.
- ▶ When Jesus came the first time He came as our humble Savior.
- ▶ He came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Mat. 20:28)
- ▶ The next time He comes will not be in humility but in power and great glory.
- ▶ With the shouts of praise from the people we are given a brief glimpse of that future glory.
- ▶ See the definition above for "Zion." "Daughter of Zion" probably referred specifically to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, but in a symbolic, spiritual way the words apply to all believers of all time, for Jesus rode into Jerusalem to save each one of us.

▶ v. 7-8

- ▶ These cut palm branches give the day its name.
- ▶ The spreading of palm branches and garments on the road was a greeting reserved for the arrival of conquering heroes, especially kings.
- ▶ What a strange procession we see here, as many of those who worshiped Jesus as king on Palm Sunday were probably among those later calling for his crucifixion.
- ▶ The scribes and Pharisees had hoped that Jesus would come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, but they hadn't counted on this kind of reception by the people.
- ▶ They were powerless to stop it. Had the people not cried out, the very stones would have. (Luke 19:40)

v. 9

- ▶ Imagine the scene as "a very great multitude" sang out the praises of their King!
- ▶ Yet this is as nothing compared to the celebration of all the faithful on the Last Day, when Jesus returns in pure, unrestrained power and glory.
- ▶ Like the word *hallelujah*, *hosanna* came to represent more than just its literal meaning in the minds of the people.
- ▶ It came to be used as an expression of joy; "praise the Lord!" It had clear implications to the Promised Messiah, who alone could save.
- ▶ "*Hosanna in the highest*" was roughly equivalent to "May our shout of praise resound also in heaven."
- ▶ So also we sing "All Glory Be to God on High!" (TLH 237)

v. 10-11

- ▶ The commotion stirred the entire city to ask what was happening and what it meant.
- ▶ Since Jesus entered during the Passover, there were many more Jews in Jerusalem than usual.
- ▶ One census during the reign of Emperor Nero reckoned the number of Jews in Jerusalem during the Passover at 2,700,000.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear Jesus, on Palm Sunday You demonstrated to me just what kind of Savior-King You are. Although as true God You possessed all the power of heaven and earth, You set aside the full use of that power and became my humble servant-Savior. Thank You for coming to earth to take away my sins. Because You humbled Yourself and willingly went to Jerusalem to die for my sins, now I never have to fear death or hell. Please give me the same kind of humble, loving spirit that You had while on earth. I look forward to the day when You return again with all Your divine power clearly seen by all. Please keep me safe until that day, and please come quickly. Amen.

PRESENTATION

A harmony of the four Gospel accounts of this story has been prepared. This can be read in class, or the teacher can tell the story, or both.

ACTIVITY TWO

Photocopy the palm leaf on page 4 onto green paper (or have the students color the leaf provided) and cut out one for each student (or have them cut out the leaves). Have the children lay the leaves on the floor pretending Jesus is coming. They can say:

Hosanna! Hosanna! All the people sing.

Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ the Lord is King.

APPLICATIONS

1. Note the self-discipline and the determination of Jesus to walk the path to the cross. He went to Jerusalem knowing that there Hewould have to pay for the sins of the world – a punishment that made physical crucifixion seem easy. Discuss with your students how they would feel and what they would do if they could see into the future and could know ahead of time when and how they would die. (if they had even one guilty sin they had not given over to God for His forgiveness)
2. Discuss the difference between stealing and borrowing. When does borrowing become stealing? Did Jesus tell his disciples to steal the donkey? Answer: Jesus is special in thatHecan read hearts. He also knew that someone would give the disciples permission to borrow the donkey. Jesus, who could read hearts, would have known that the owner wouldn't object to lending his animal. We cannot read hearts; therefore we will want to always ask permission before we borrow something. In this case it was a great honor to supply the Son of God with the donkey.
3. When the Jews received Jesus as their king, they shouted the word, "*Hosanna!*" This word, as noted above, means "*Save now.*" The people saw Jesus as a Savior, but most of them thought ofHimas some sort of earthly savior – a "bread king." When they shouted "*Hosanna,*" they might well have been thinking of Jesus as a king that would deliver them from Roman oppression. What Bible words or phrases do we use today without really thinking about what they mean? (Answer: Hallelujah, Praise the Lord, sanctification, justification, atonement, Thy kingdom come, etc.) We want to always strive for the meaning in Bible terms and truths.
4. What does it mean that Jesus is our king? (Answer: ThatHerules over us, not by force but with the faith and love worked in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. When we pray "*Thy kingdom come*" in the Lord's Prayer, we are praying that Jesus would establish and strengthen his rulership in our hearts.)
5. Palm Sunday can be seen as the day on which the Jews picked Jesus to be their king. This happened on the 10th of Nisan. It is no mere coincidence that this was the day on which the Jews annually selected their Passover lamb, which was then sacrificed five days later (after sunset on Thursday and therefore technically regarded as Friday by the Jews). Jesus was the Passover Lamb of God, sacrificed on Good Friday for the sins of the world.

PASSAGES

If time permits it would be beneficial to take time to explain and apply the following passages to the events of Palm Sunday. You are encouraged to choose one for memory work.

Lower

Matthew 21:5 - "Behold, Your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey."

Matthew 21:9 - "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

1 Peter 5:5 - "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Middle any of the above and...

Matthew 24:30 - All the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 26:64 - I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Upper any of the above and...

Hebrews 12:2 - Look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Psalms 24:9-10 - Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

HYMN CHOICES

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (TLH #160:1, 3-4)

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty" (TLH #162:1, 4-5)

"Great God What Do I See and Hear?" (TLH #604:1,4)

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The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Jesus and the disciples were coming to Jerusalem because it was almost time for Jesus to die on the cross. Before they reached Jerusalem, they came to a village. Jesus told two of His disciples to go to the village and get a young donkey. Jesus told them that if anyone asked them what they were doing, they should say, "The Lord needs to use this donkey."

The disciples left. They found the young donkey. The people who owned the donkey asked them what they were doing. The disciples said, "The Lord needs to use this donkey." The owners were happy to let Jesus use the donkey!

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on the donkey's back, and then Jesus sat on it. Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Many, many people came out to greet Him. Some people put their coats on the road for Jesus to ride on. Others put soft, leafy palm branches on the road. They were treating Jesus like a king!

The people also sang praises to Jesus. They sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!"

There were some people in the crowd, however, who hated Jesus. They said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!"

Jesus said, "If they would be quiet, the stones would call out to say that I am the Savior!"

The people praised Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem.

Jesus is our Savior, and we will praise and worship Him.

Song - "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.
Love Him, love Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children.
God is love, God is love.
Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children.
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Passage

Matthew 21:9 "Hosanna to the Son of David!
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

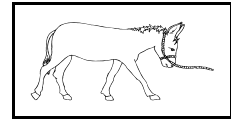
Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for being our King. Thank You for
taking away our sins. Amen.

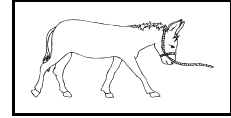


Classroom Activity - Read the class the sentences and have them color the donkey by each true sentence.

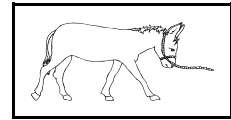
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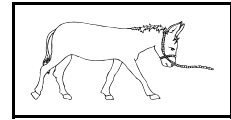
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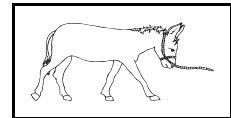
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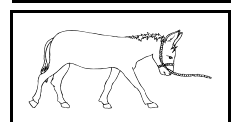
4. Jesus doesn't want us to sing to Him.....



5. Jesus saved us from our sins.....



6. We worship Jesus. He is God.....



Classroom Activity - Color the palm leaf on page 4 green. Cut out the leaf. Lay the leaf on the floor and act out what the people said when Jesus was entering Jerusalem. You can say:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

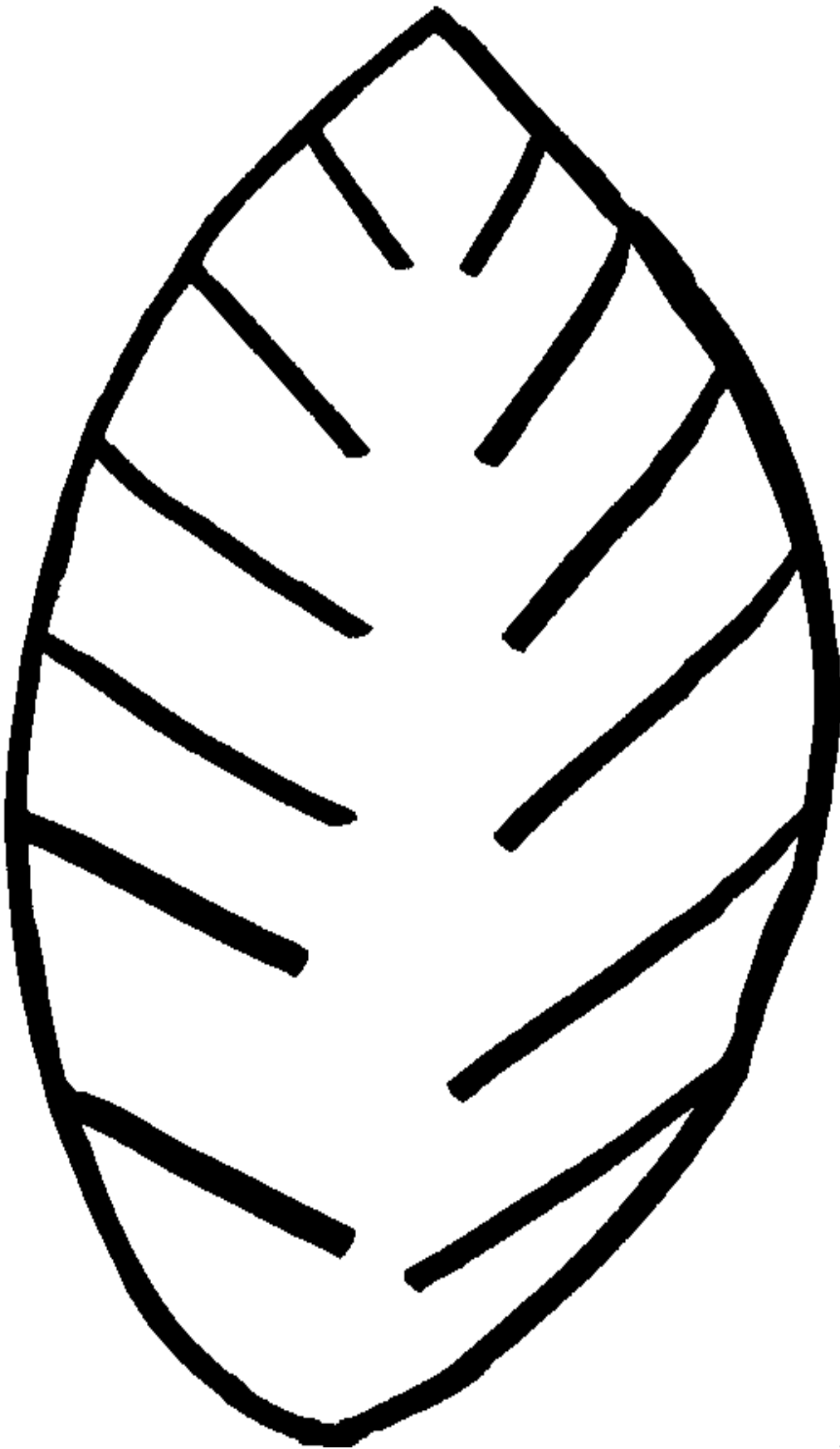
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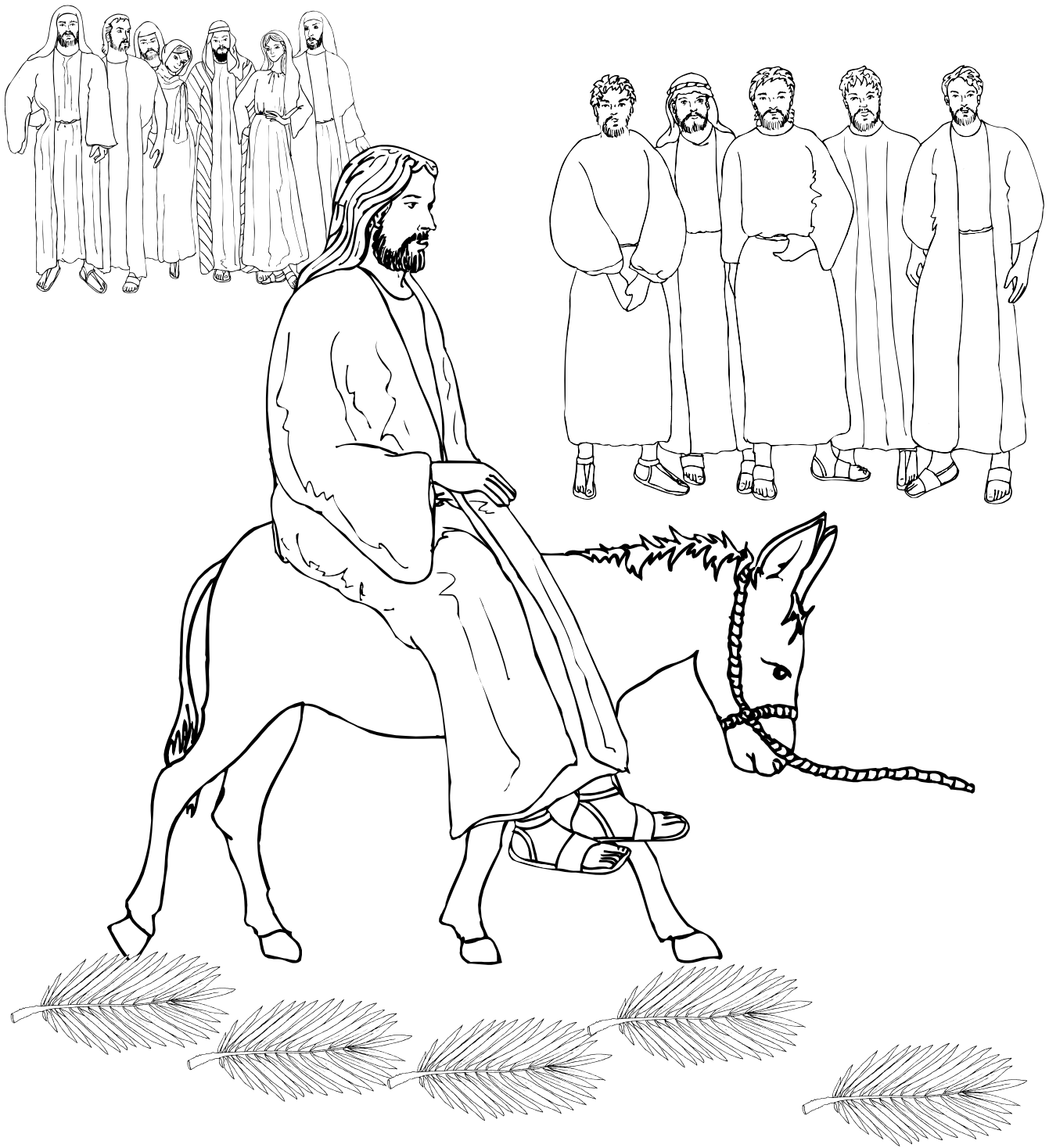
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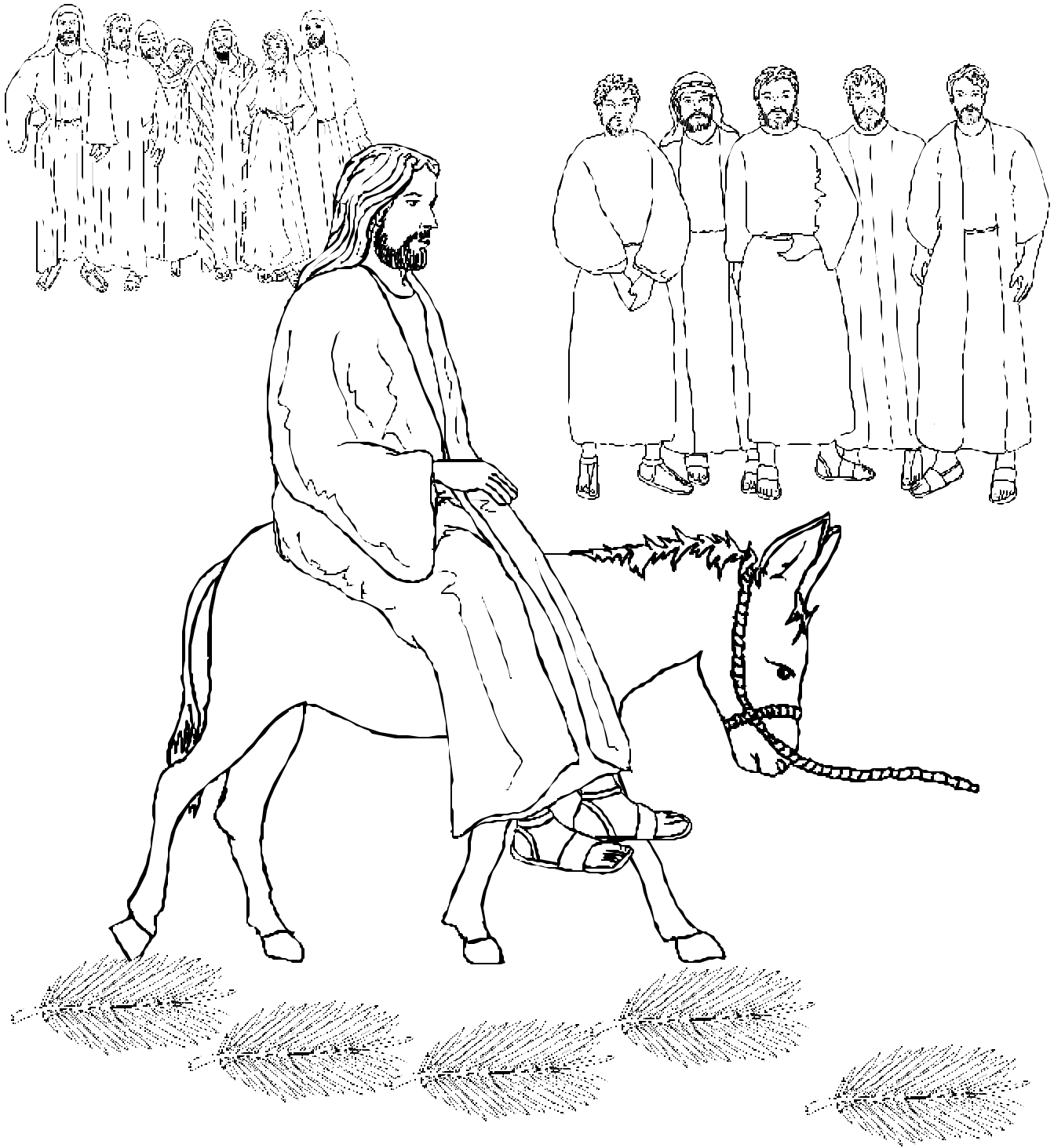


Classroom Art Activity - Color the picture below. Have the children glue pieces of cloth on the ground by the palm branches to show the coats that were laid at Jesus' feet. You may also want to add more palm branches made out of construction paper.



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The Story

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There were some people in the crowd, however, who hated Jesus. They said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!"

Jesus said, "If they would be quiet, the stones would call out to say that I am the Savior!"

Jesus rode into Jerusalem in a humble way on a donkey.

Song - Praise Him, Praise Him

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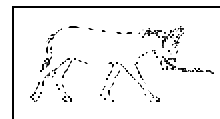
Passage - Memorize this passage.

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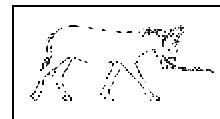
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- Color the donkey by each true sentence.

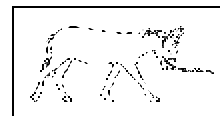
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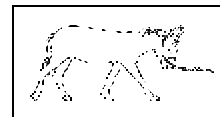
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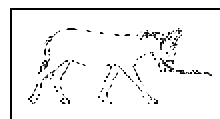
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5. Jesus saved us from our sins.....



6. We worship Jesus because He is God.....

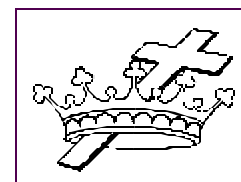


Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being our King.

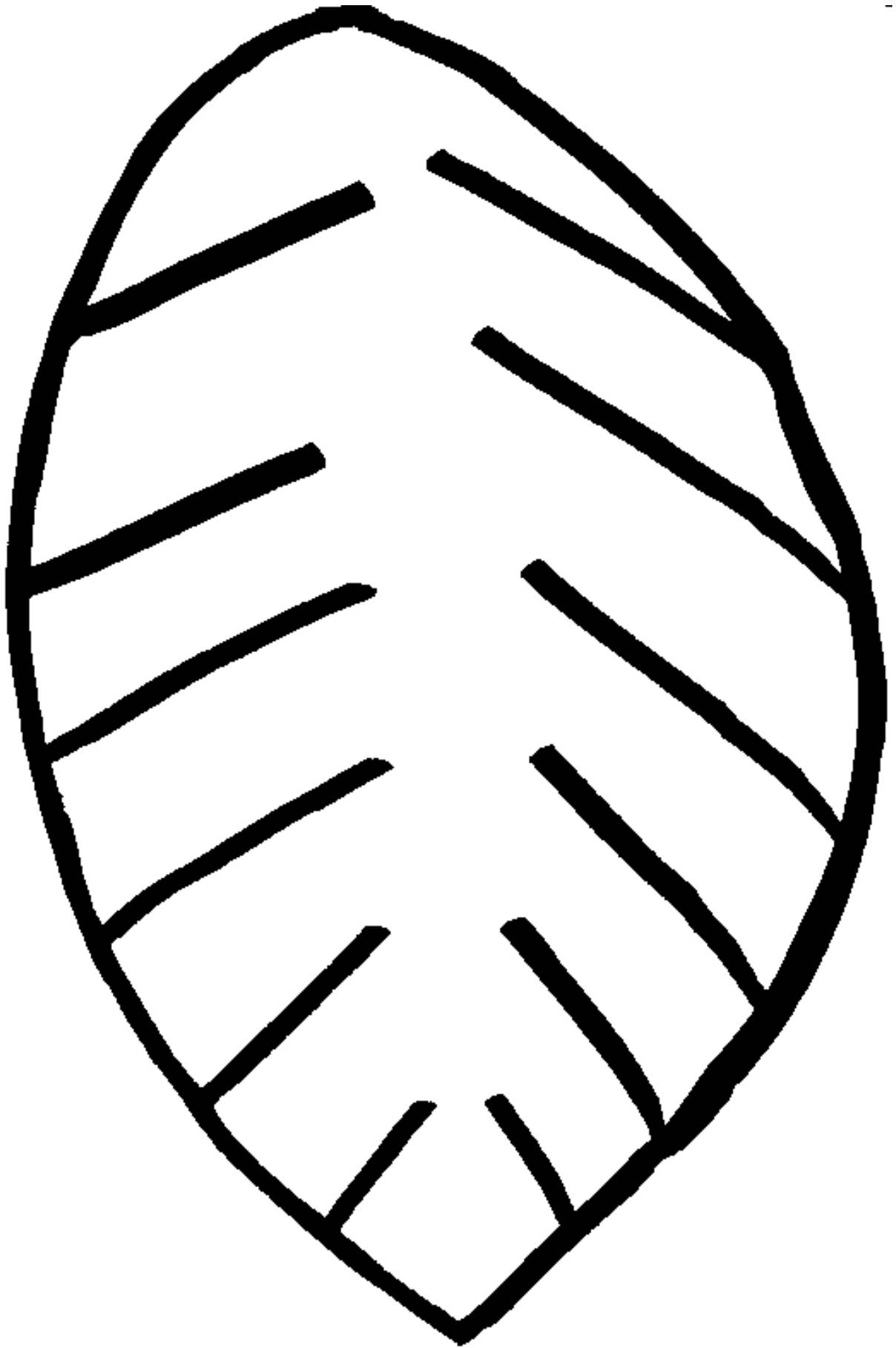
Thank you for taking away our sins. Amen.



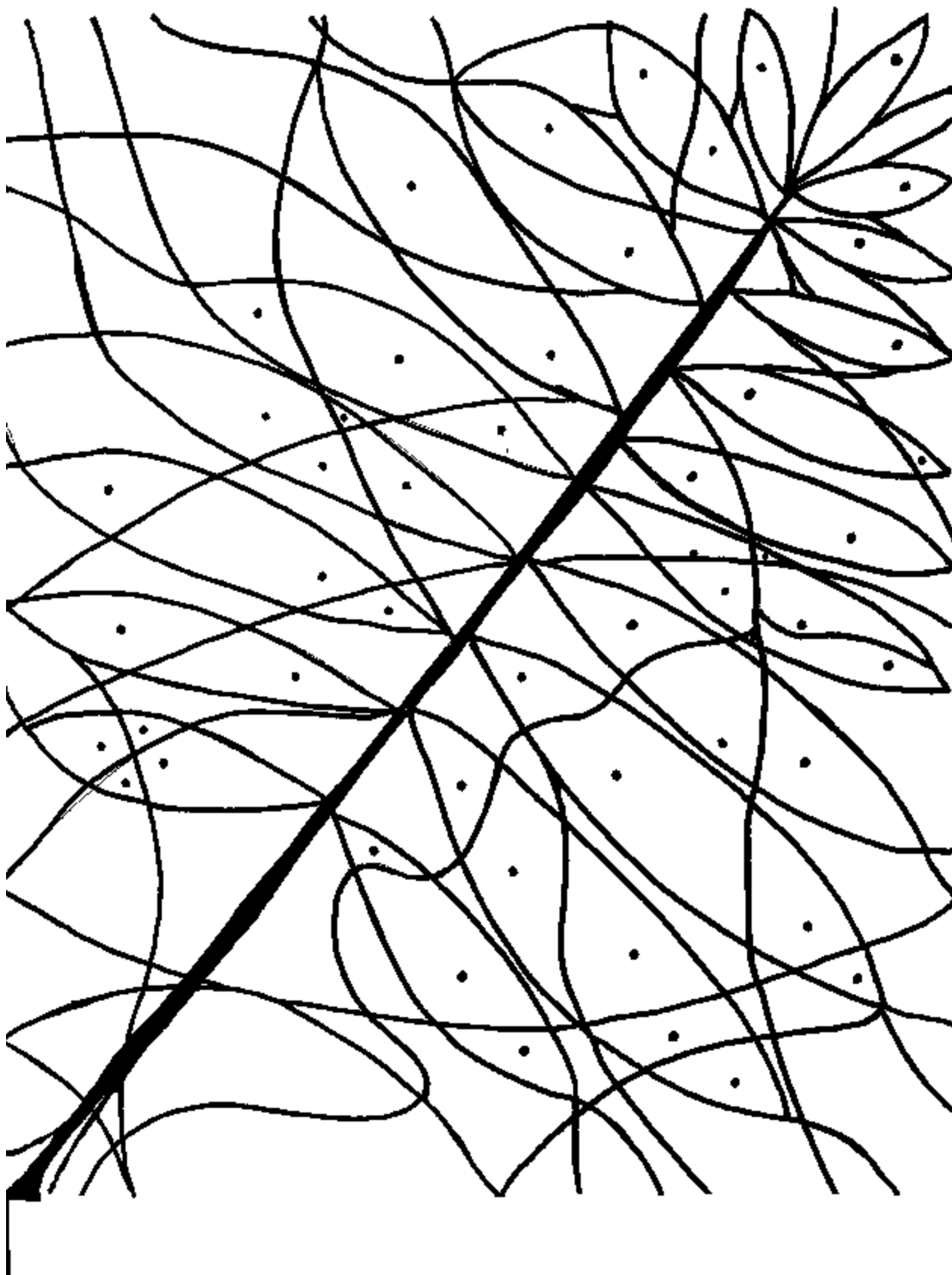
Activity Two - Color the palm leaf on page 4 green. Cut out the leaf. Lay the leaf on the floor and act out what the people said when Jesus was entering Jerusalem. You can say:

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Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ the Lord is King.



Activity Three - Color green all the areas that have a dot in them. It will make a palm leaf.



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The Story

Jesus and the disciples were coming to Jerusalem because it was almost time for Jesus to die on the cross. When they were close to Jerusalem, there was a village. Jesus told two of His disciples to go to the village and get a donkey colt. Jesus told them that if anyone asked them what they were doing, they should say, "The Lord needs to use this donkey."

The disciples left. They found the donkey. The people who owned the donkey asked them what they were doing. The disciples said, "The Lord needs to use this donkey." The owners were happy to let Jesus use the donkey.

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on the

donkey's back, and then Jesus sat on it. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, many, many people came out to greet Him. Some people put their coats on the road for Jesus to ride on. Others put soft, leafy palm branches on the road. They were treating Jesus like a king. The people also sang praises to Jesus. They sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!"

There were some people in the crowd who hated Jesus. They said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!"

Jesus said, "If they would be quiet, the stones would call out to say that I am the Savior!"

Outer Aim - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey

Song - Praise Him, Praise Him

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Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children.
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Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for being our King. Thank You for dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Please help us to remember to worship You. Amen.

Activity One

- Use the word box to fill in the answers on the lines below. Use the answers to fill in the Crossword Puzzle.

coats donkey Hosanna Jerusalem Jesus palm road Savior

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_____.

He was riding on a young

(6)_____.

The disciples put their

(3)_____ on the

(6)_____.

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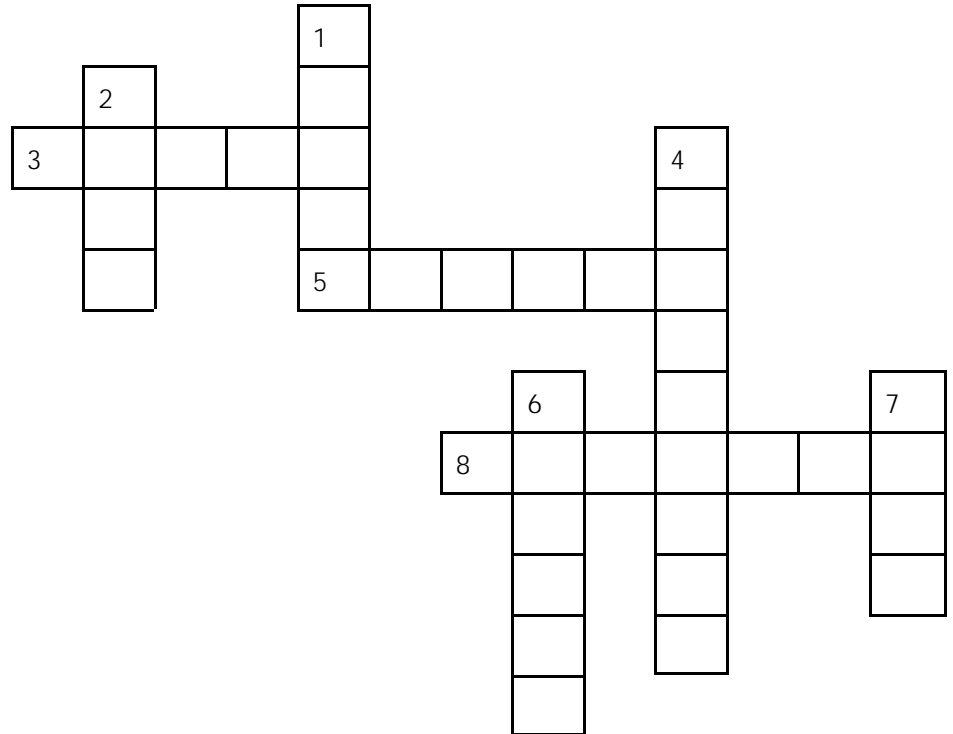
(3) _____ and

(7)_____

branches on the (2)_____.

The people sang (8)_____.

We worship (1)_____ . He is our (5)_____.



Inner Aim - Jesus is our Savior, and we will worship Him.

Passage - Answer the questions about these passages.




















Matthew 21:9 "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

The people sang to Jesus as their King. Why do we worship Jesus and sing to Him?


I Peter 5:5 "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."




Jesus was humble. He rode on a humble donkey, too. We are often proud of ourselves. What should we do when we are proud?








Activity Two - Figure out the Secret Message below.




A =  B =  C =  =  =  =  = 
I =  K =  L =  M =  N =  O =  R = 
S =  T =  U =  W =  Y = 

_____ / _____



_____. Matthew 21:5

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How are important people (athletes, singers, movie stars) today introduced?

Why are they introduced that way?

What, if anything, important do they do?

Prayer

Dear God, Our Father in Heaven, many years ago You sent Your Son, Jesus, to this world. Today we are going to study how Jesus was received by this world. Help us to understand and appreciate the important work that Your Son did for us. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen



The Story

Jesus and the disciples drew near to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her on which no one has ever sat. Loose them and bring them here. And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing them?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of them' and immediately he will send them here."

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, the colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

So those who were sent departed and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

And they said, "The Lord has



need of him." And they let them go.

Then they brought them to Jesus. And they threw their own garments on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, a very great multitude came out to meet Him, spread their garments on the road; others cut down leafy branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road.

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude came out to meet him, spread their garments on the road; others cut down leafy branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road.

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the LORD!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father

David

That comes in the name of the Lord!
The King of Israel!
Hosanna in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees
called to Him from the crowd,
"Teacher rebuke Your disciples."

But He answered and said to
them, "I tell you that if these should
keep silent, the stones would
immediately cry out."

And when He had come into
Jerusalem, all the city was moved,
saying, "Who is this?" So the
multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the
prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus went into the
temple. So when He had looked
around at all the things, as the hour
was already late, He went out to
Bethany with the twelve.

What the Story Tells Us - Choose the correct answer and write the letter in the blank.

1. Jesus and His disciples were going
to _____.

- A. Bethany
- B. Bethphage
- C. Bethlehem
- D. Jerusalem

2. Two disciples went into town to
get _____.

- A. a horse
- B. a donkey
- C. a room
- D. some palm branches

3. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a
_____.

- A. horse
- B. mother donkey
- C. donkey colt
- D. camel

4. Jesus used _____ as a saddle.

- A. palm branches
- B. clothes
- C. a blanket
- D. nothing

5. The people put _____ and _____ in the road.

- A. palm branches
- B. clothes
- C. blankets
- D. nothing

7. The pharisees wanted Jesus to _____.

- A. ride something else
- B. bless them
- C. give the animal back
- D. scold the disciples

6. Hosanna means _____.

- A. praise Him
- B. hallelujah
- C. save
- D. blessed

Outer Aim

Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility

What God Tells Us - Write (T)rue or (F)alse

- ____ 1. Jesus knew the donkeys were tied in the village because He had been there before.
- ____ 2. Jesus was going to Jerusalem to be crowned king.
- ____ 3. Jesus rode on the colt of a donkey because He was fulfilling the Scriptures.
- ____ 4. The owners of the donkeys did not know that the disciples were borrowing them.
- ____ 5. The people wanted Jesus to be their earthly king.
- ____ 6. Jesus is our heavenly king.
- ____ 7. The only way to honor Jesus is to go to church.
- ____ 8. Jesus is happy when we go to church even if we don't listen.
- ____ 9. When Jesus comes again, both people and angels will honor Him.

Inner Aim

Jesus, the Son of God, came as a humble servant to save all mankind.

Hymn

Read hymn 160, stanzas 1,3,4 and 5. Write one more stanza for this hymn. Make sure it fits the ideas we talked about today. The first two lines will be the same as in all the other stanzas so they are already done for you! You may work together on this.

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, the passages, and the hymn you read today to discuss the following questions.

What can you do to honor Jesus when your friends are doing something bad?
What can you do to honor Jesus when you are at school?
What can you do to honor Jesus at church?

Prayer (TLH #161 st. 3)
"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice! Amen.

Passages - Fill in the blanks with the missing words, then find them in the word search.

Matthew 24:30 All the _____ of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of _____ coming on the clouds of heaven with _____ and great glory

Matthew 26:64 I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man _____ at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the _____ of heaven.

Matthew 21:9 " _____ to the Son of _____! 'Blessed is He who comes in the _____ of the Lord!' Hosanna in the _____!"

Palm Sunday

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D I C K Y I V I W D S S H M A L N
A K I N J A R L X L D I Y G V D Q
Z V W U C H W J P U T W P R I W M
B M F E L Q U X O S L Z S E D O F
E D P T M S C L N A S E M I Q F I
P Y B R W G C T K E I M I E S T W
F R B I H I G H E S T V C V T P W
B N M B K Q J V Z I T A A P X N E
H X A E A I C V D F I I M D U M T
V N N S C F V K Z P N C L S R Z U
E I J H T J H L H Q G Y B A B E E
P N N J E P U E M Z O J I Q C Q Z
T A E W O S P V L Q G B B F B V N
J B Q P C S S N U Y D H O X T K A
S Y Q M C W P T Q U D V K K N T M
U J F P N K F P X E U T F T O B E
H O S A N N A B G F N G K L S E P
W W U M O P P O W E R Z U C K F L

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19

The Story

Jesus and the disciples drew near to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her on which no one has ever sat. Loose them and bring them here. And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing them?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of them' and immediately he will send them here."

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, the colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

So those who were sent departed and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

And they said, "The Lord has need of him." And they let them go.

Then they brought them to Jesus. And they threw their own garments on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, a very great multitude came out to meet him, spread their garments on the



road; others cut down leafy branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road.

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord!
The King of Israel!

Hosanna in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher rebuke Your disciples."



But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This

is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus went into the temple. So when He had looked around at all the things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Recalling Details - Answer these questions.

1. What city was Jesus going to?
2. What job did he assign to two of his disciples?
3. How did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?
4. What did the disciples use for a saddle?
5. What two things did the people put on the road?
6. What does "Hosanna" mean?
7. What did the Pharisees want Jesus to do?
8. What would have happened if the people had not praised Jesus?
9. Why is this day called "Palm Sunday"?

Outer Aim

Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility.

Discussion Questions

1. How did Jesus know that the donkeys would be tied in the village?
2. Why was Jesus going to Jerusalem at that time?

3. Why did Jesus come to Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey? (There are two big reasons.)
4. Why were the owners of the donkeys happy to provide them to Jesus?
5. Why did the people come out to honor Jesus?
6. What does it mean that Jesus is our king?
7. How can we honor Jesus?
 - in our homes
 - at school
 - with our friends
 - at church
 - privately
8. The devil, the world and our flesh often make it difficult for us to honor Jesus. Because of this, we are often not willing to make any sacrifices for Him. He went to Jerusalem, knowing that He would suffer all the torments of hell for us--and He went willingly. what are some situations where you have found it difficult to honor Jesus, and what are some good ways to handle those situations?

Inner Aim

Jesus, the Son of God, came as a humble servant to save all mankind.

Passages - Read each passage and tell how it applies to the story.

Psalm 24:9-10 - Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Hebrews 12:2 - Look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 26:64 - I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man
sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming of the clouds of heaven.

Hymn

Look at Hymn 604 and tell how it applies to our story today.

Prayer

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!