

Primary Years Encouragement – 31.03.2020

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Matthew 21:9

Hello everyone

What a beautiful week it was last week. I hope that you were able to either get out and about and enjoy the spring sunshine or you may have enjoyed watching the livestreaming of some of our finest animals and birds at Edinburgh and Chester Zoo.

This week is the lead up to Palm Sunday. An important part of the Easter Story.

To capture this momentous story, I have put together an encouragement for you to enjoy as a family and with your friends.

Activity

Make a palm tree using two toilet rolls. If you don't have any toilet rolls why not draw a palm tree. You could use your palm tree in the story later.





Game

Pin the tail on the donkey

You will need to draw a donkey, make a tail with some blue tac or Sellotape and a blindfold.

The idea is to pin the tail on the donkey with your eyes blindfolded with a scarf or something similar. To make it harder you can make an obstacle course to the donkey. No Cheating 😊 Enjoy!

Story

The True King

Jesus and his disciples went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus told two of his disciples to bring him a donkey. He told them where to find it. Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. A big crowd welcomed him. People waved palm branches and put them on the road in front of Jesus. They shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!" The leaders in Jerusalem did not like Jesus. They saw how many people were following him, and they were angry about it. They were jealous.

Paws For Thought

If Queen Elizabeth II was visiting Crawley, I wonder what form of transport she would use?

I wonder how many people would line our streets to greet her? And what might they wave as she went by?

In the story above what form of transport did Jesus use to go through Jerusalem?

What were people waving as he went by?

What were they shouting to him?

Why did the leaders in Jerusalem not like Jesus?

Encouragement

In the story of Palm Sunday, we are reminded every year of the journey to the cross which Jesus did for us. In Biblical times, it was common for kings and important people to ride on a donkey at an important gathering. The donkey symbolised peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even in this story reminded us that he is the Prince of Peace.

Prayer

Father God

Thank you for the story of Palm Sunday. Thank you that Jesus is our Prince of Peace, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

May you bring a freshness and peace to our homes and social media as we spend quality time with our families and friends.

Help us to build strong family units.

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

In Jesus name

Amen

Worship Song

Praise Is Rising (Hosanna)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAaQ5EEXidc>

In these unusual times, spending quality time with family has never before become so important. What things have you been doing together which you don't normally do? In my household we have enjoyed playing board games, watching a favourite movie with nibbles, zooming/making phone calls to extended family and friends and having dinner together. Building strong families together will bring peace in times of crisis and hardship.

If you need any craft supplies, food and toiletries, or just a phone chat over coffee, please call me on 07969959442.

Every blessing

Denise