

Game: Who is coming?

Make a sound that relates to someone and use your imagination Disney characters, animals, people in your family etc. E.g. to create the noise of a baby they could make "waah" sounds and maybe press a squeaker. For a prison officer they could use heavy shoes to make a solid foot fall and shake bells to make the sound of keys etc. Choose the person you are going to be and what noise you will use and see if your family can work out who is coming. We can tell who is coming by the reaction of other people as well as by the sounds. When Jesus came into Jerusalem everybody knew.

Game: Donkey Derby

Choose one person to be the donkey on all fours, the other is going to be the rider sitting on their back. Time how long it takes to get from one side of the room to the other. Can you beat your time?

Activity: Travel on

Give each person a piece of paper, some magazines, and the use of the internet and a printer. Find pictures of people travelling in some way from the newspapers, magazines, catalogues and online. Make a collage of all the different ways of travelling they can find. Are any of these people travelling by donkey? In today's story Jesus travels by donkey, let's watch the YouTube clip below to find out more.

Story Video: Palm Sunday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

Story: Palm Sunday

Extra, extra read all about it our King comes to Jerusalem. Our headlines today read As Jesus came closer to Jerusalem, he asked two of his disciples to go ahead of Him. He said, "When you get to the town, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it, and bring it to me. If anyone asks you about taking the donkey, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it and He will bring it back as soon as He's done with it.'" So the disciples did as Jesus asked. They soon found the donkey tied at a doorway. As they were untying it, some people were standing nearby visiting and they didn't recognise the men and asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying the donkey?" They replied explaining that the Lord needed it, and the people let them go. When they brought the donkey to Jesus some of the disciples took off their coats and laid them on the donkey's back. They did this out of respect for Jesus. Then Jesus rode on the donkey towards Jerusalem. As Jesus was traveling, some people saw him coming and came running towards Him. They had heard He might be coming and they wanted to see him, because he had just helped a dead man come back to life. One by one they laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to step on. Even the people that weren't wearing coats ran to the fields and trees nearby and cut palm branches and laid them down. These people knew that Jesus was special. It was like when a King or Queen come to town, and people roll out a red carpet for them to step on. This is what they did for Jesus when they laid their coats, and branches down. As they got even closer to the town more and more people noticed Jesus. A crowd surrounded Him and started to shout praises to Him for all the miracles He had done. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!" The word Hosanna means save us. They said this because Jesus was helping them and doing amazing things. They wanted to praise Him, and they wanted Him to keep helping them. Some men named Pharisees. They heard the crowd praising God, and they said to Jesus, "Teacher, why don't you tell these people to stop praising you as if you were God?" The Pharisees thought that Jesus was getting too much attention from the people. They wanted to be the most important, but everyone was listening to Jesus instead. Jesus replied, "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out!" Even the rocks knew that He was God, after all, Jesus did make them. Now Jesus could see Jerusalem and it made Him very sad. He came to help the people, but no one realised that He was God, and they didn't accept Him.

Prayer: Cut out a leaf shape and write or draw things that you are really happy about and are thankful for.