

Palm Sunday

Welcome

Explain

Palm Sunday – the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Looking at the story today.

Dates

Worship Pt 1

Reading

Imagine this: Jesus and his followers have been traveling for a long time and they're tired. So Jesus gets his disciples together and says to them, "Listen friends, I think it's time for a donkey, the one you're going to get from that town over there." Jesus pointed to a small town in the valley.

"Hang on, Jesus," said the disciples. "We can't just walk in and pinch a donkey. We can't do that!"

So Jesus sat then all down and said: "Now listen. I've had this plan worked out for a while. Two of you are going to go into the town, and when you see the donkey - just bring it to me please."

Now the disciples weren't so sure and they started to grumble.

"Look, it's no use grumbling," said Jesus. "It's all worked out. You two go over there and bring back the first donkey you see. Please don't grumble! If you get any bother just say, 'The master needs it'."

So the disciples went off into the town. There the disciples saw two donkeys tied up, just as Jesus had told them. So one of the disciples kept watch, while the other disciple untied the donkey. Suddenly two big men appeared, looking very angry. One of these men shouted: "Hey! You can't take that donkey! They are not yours"

"No you can't." said the other angry man, "That's our donkey!" The two big men looked as if they were getting ready for a fight, so the disciples quickly said: "The master needs it!" The men calmed down, and off went the disciples with the donkey.

As soon as they got back, Jesus got on the donkey. His friends put their cloaks onto the donkey. Jesus got onto the donkey and rode into Jerusalem in front of huge crowds of people, all shouting and singing and praising God.

The people shouted, "Hooray for Jesus! Jesus is the King! It's Jesus the teacher! It's Jesus the healer! Three cheers for Jesus! Jesus is Great!" Some of the crowd took off their coats, and laid them on the road. Other people cut down branches from trees, and waved them about! It was a real party! Everyone was pleased to see Jesus.

The donkey kept walking. Jesus kept riding. So Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. His disciples followed Him. The crowds cheered them on, and everyone was having a great time! There were hundreds of people, clapping, dancing and shouting!

Well, most of the people had a great time. A few people - the priests and religious leaders - all they could do was grumble. They were jealous because the people were fond of Jesus, and were not taking much notice of them. But nobody else cared, because all the people wanted to see Jesus, for He was the King. And He still is the King!

These religious leaders shouted to Jesus, "You can't have a parade here. It's not allowed! Tell all the people to be quiet."

Jesus just smiled. "It's impossible to tell them to be quiet. Can't you see? There are lots of happy people here. Even if I DID manage to make them quiet, the stones in the street would jump up and shout for joy instead!"

==>>> Get story retold by people – Act it out

What is a king?

King = rules,

Lord in charge = do as He says -gives the orders but we can choose not to obey!

Bigger than us = Knows a lot

Better than us = Knows what is right

Wiser than us = Knows what is best for us

Stronger than us = Protects us and looks after us.

Act out a mock up of getting to see the Queen / King

God as King

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AND ... Loves us always!

Worship Pt 2

Welcome to the King

- In a circle if possible
- Each to have a flag

King Jesus, please be king in all the stars and our world
We welcome you Jesus as our King

King Jesus please be king of our nation
We welcome you Jesus as our King

King Jesus please be king in our town
We welcome you Jesus as our King

King Jesus please be king in say the day centre
We welcome you Jesus as our King

King Jesus please be king in... some of the places they live
We welcome you Jesus as our King

Add stanzas here that cover the key places for your members

King Jesus please be king of our church
We welcome you Jesus as our King

King of the universe, King of our nation, king of our town

We welcome you Jesus as our King