



Palm Sunday - Plan

- **Activities:** Play pin the tail on the donkey using PDF's below.
- **Sing:** Jesus' love is very wonderful, Wriggle like a worm or Wiggle Freeze from YouTube page.
- **Crafts:** Make a Donkey mask by printing the PDF below. Colour it in and attach elastic, a straw or a strip of paper to allow the child to hold the mask over their face.
- Make some palm leaves using the PDF below. Use green paper or colour it in and attach a straw, lolly pop stick or strip of paper so the child can hold and wave the leaf.
- Or you could paint your hands green and make lots of hand prints. Cut them out and then glue them on to a straw, lolly pop stick or a strip of paper to look like a palm leaf. See picture below.
- **Watch:** The 'The True King' puppet show video.

Questions to talk through with your children...

People in Jesus' day would have expected a king to look and behave in a certain way:

- **What would people expect a king to travel on?** A carriage, a chariot, or on horseback - to show how strong and powerful he was
- **What would they expect a king to be wearing?** Fine clothes, a gold crown - to show how rich he was
- **Who might travel with him?** Guards & servants - to show how important he was
- **Where would a king live?** In a palace or a castle - to show how special he was
- **What would the crowds do when a king came into town?** They would wave, cheer, bow down – although they would probably be afraid of what a king would do if they didn't cheer him!

And yet when Jesus arrived, he came as a very different kind of king:

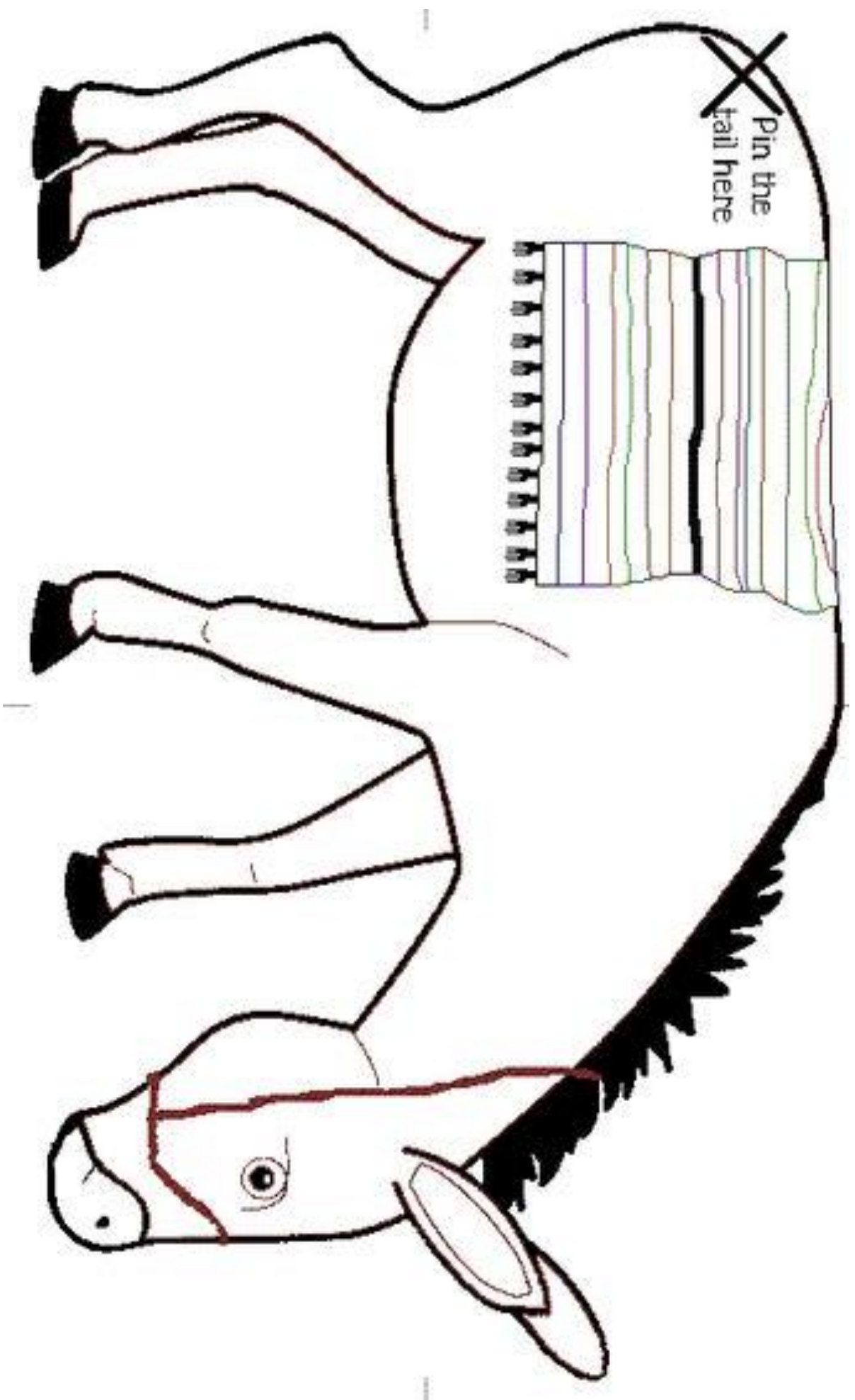
- **What was Jesus riding on?** A donkey - to show how gentle and peaceful he was
- **What was Jesus wearing?** Ordinary clothes - to show that being rich isn't important
- **Who travelled with Jesus?** His disciples & friends - to show that he cared for everyday people
- **Where did Jesus stay?** At the home of his friends Lazarus, Mary and Martha - Jesus preferred to stay with friends in a normal house rather than be alone in a big palace
- **What did the crowds do?** They cheered & waved palm branches (palm branches were a way of celebrating being free) - they weren't afraid of Jesus, but instead wanted to show him how much they liked and loved him

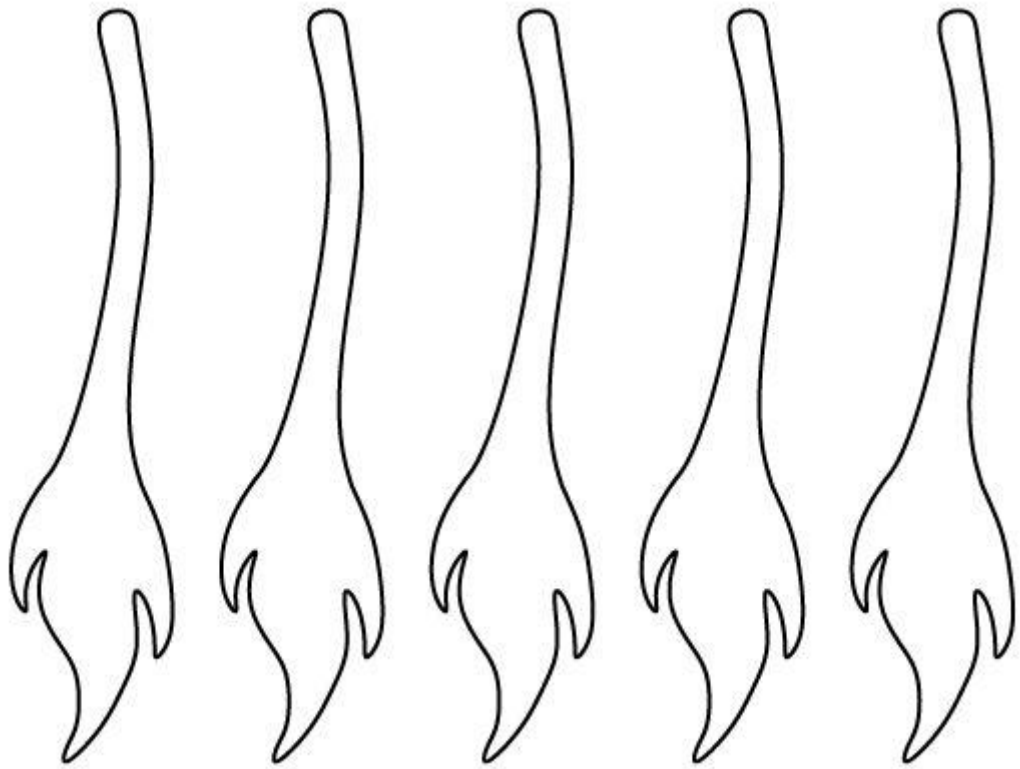
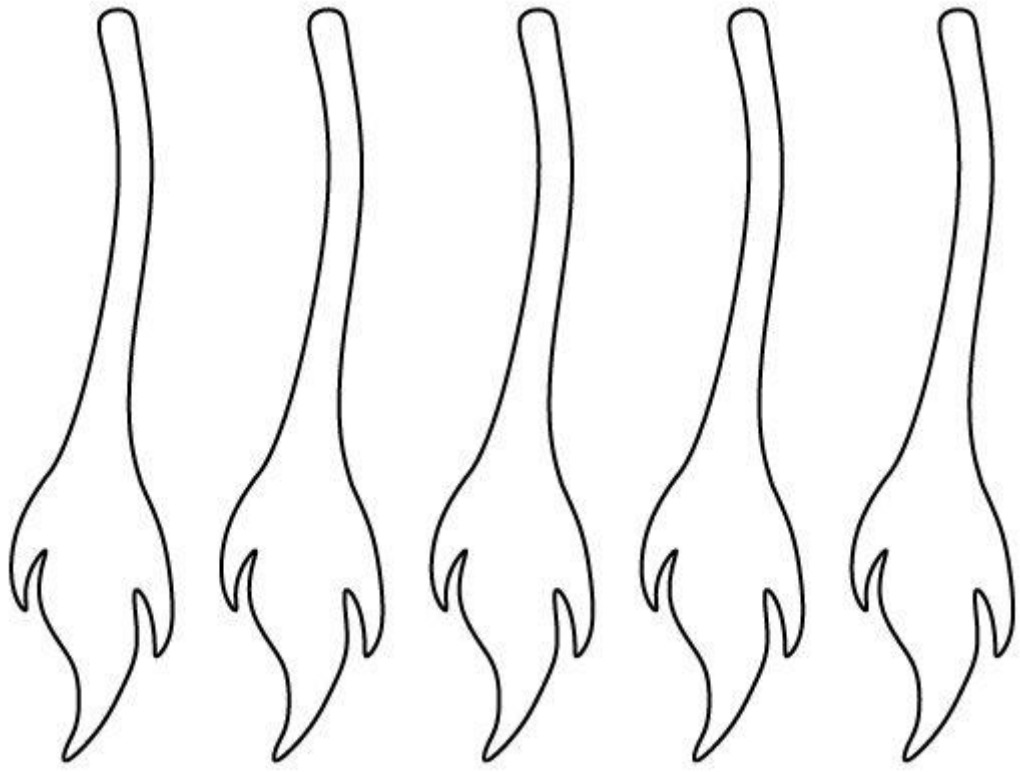
- **The crowd shouted 'Hosanna' - do you know what Hosanna means?** Hosanna means 'Save us' – the people trusted Jesus to help them when they were scared or afraid of rulers like the Romans.

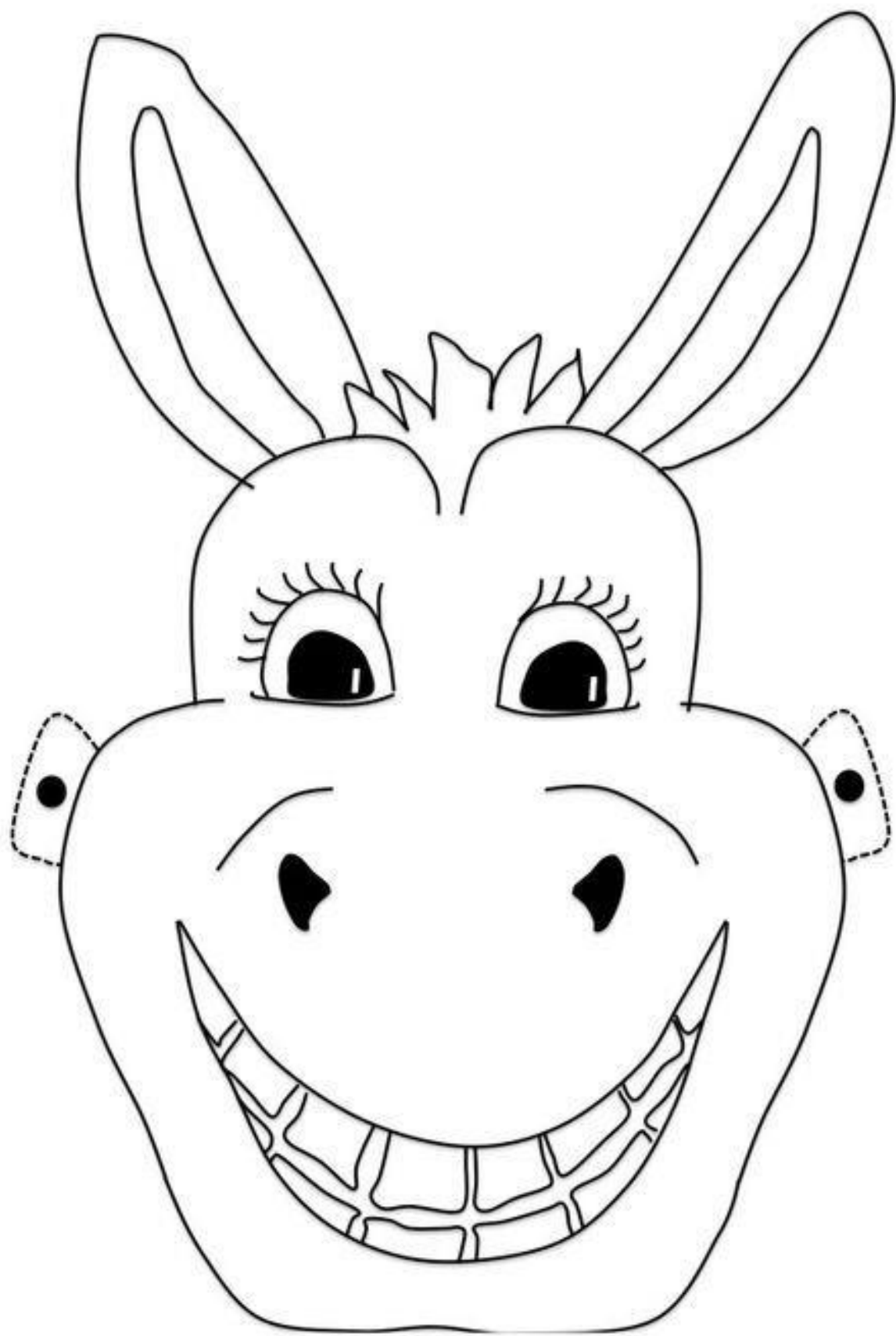
- **What kinds of things would you like to ask Jesus to help you with?**
- Thinking about how Jesus travelled, what he wore, and how he treated people...
How might God want us to live? And how might he want us to treat other people?

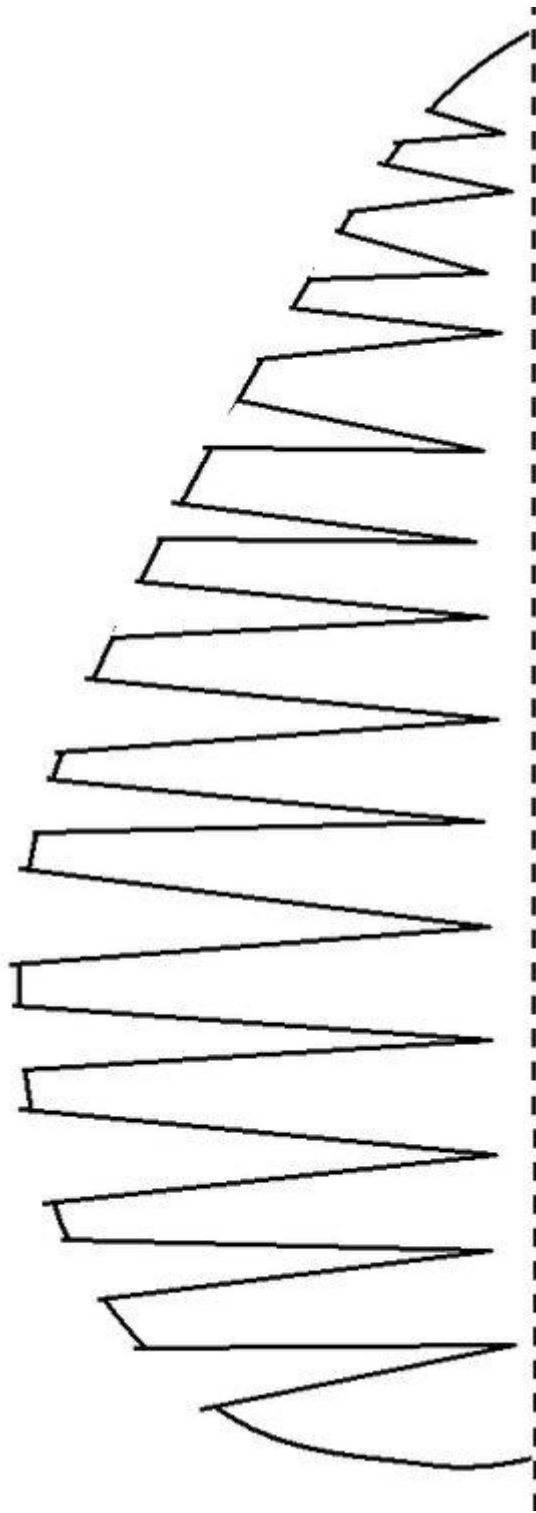
- **Act:** -Using your Donkey Mask and Palm Leaves act out the Triumphant Entry/ True King story as seen in the puppet show.

- **Do:-** Colouring, dot to dot, maze, word search and crossword.









Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.

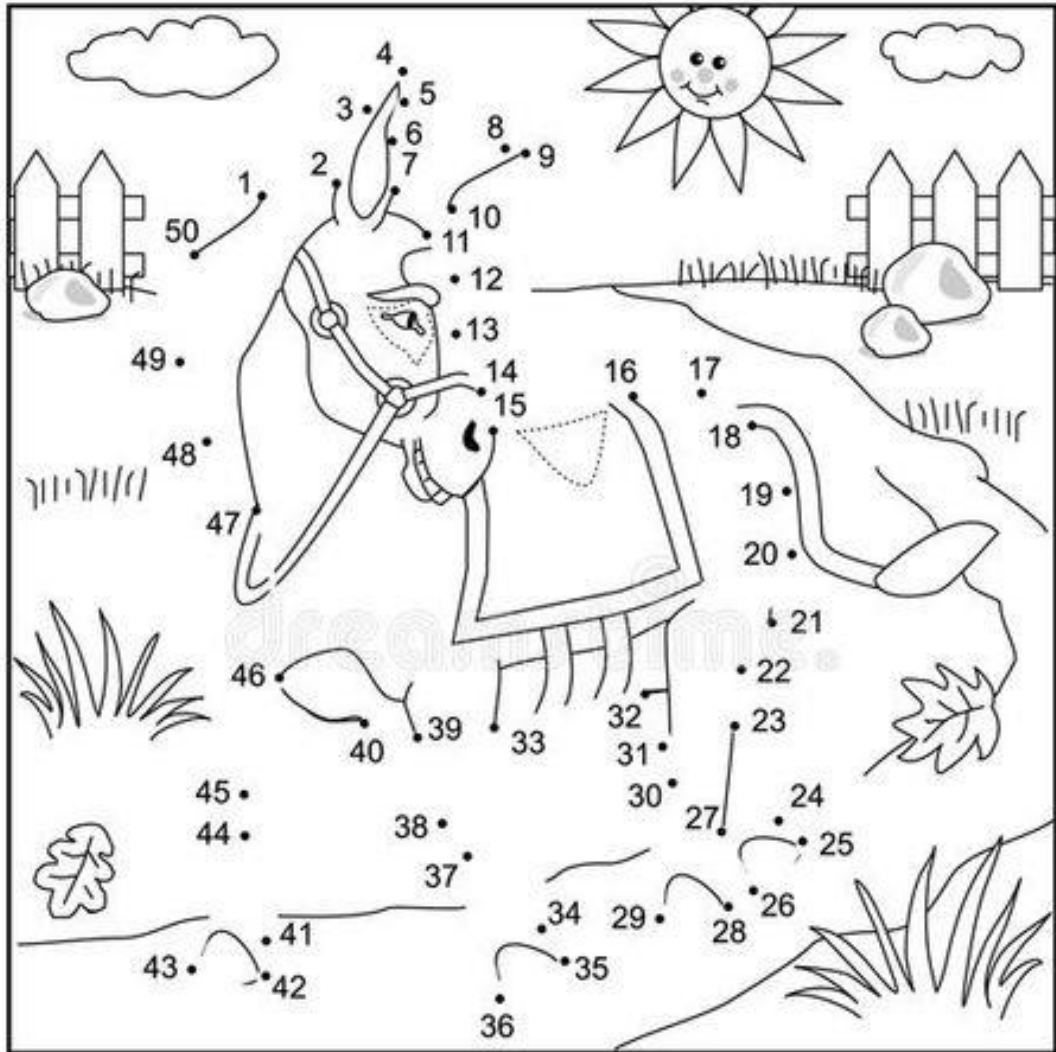




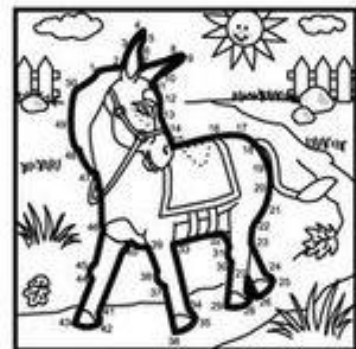
Our Littlest Disciples

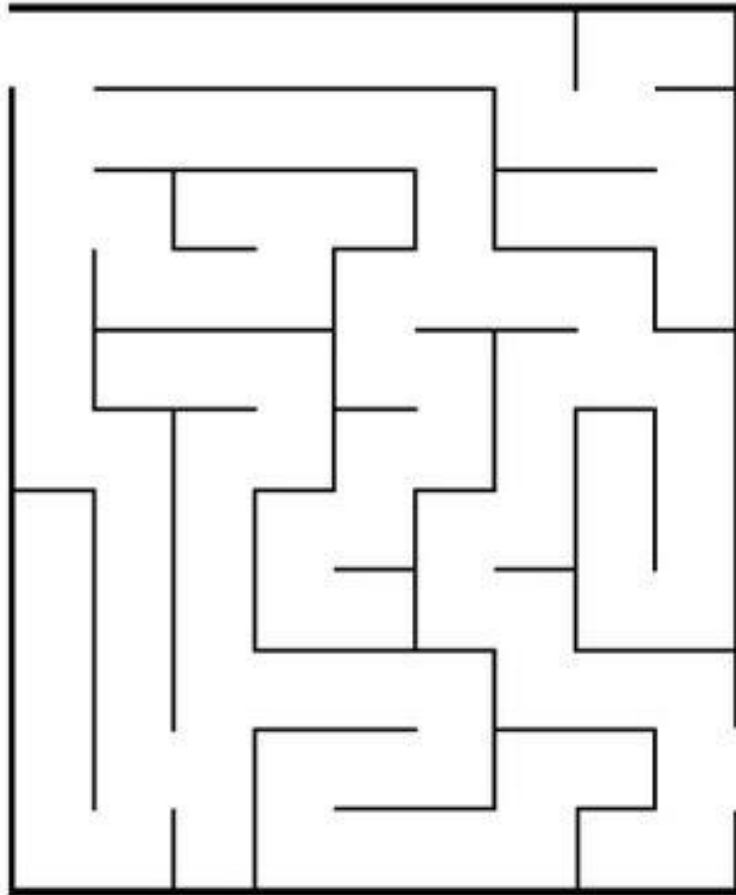


Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



ANSWER:

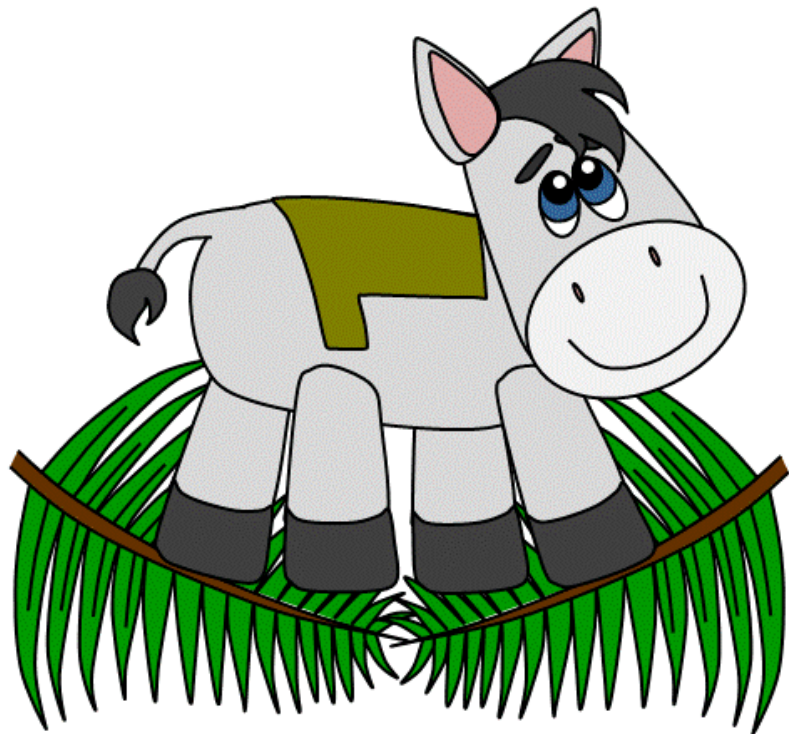




People Wave Palms to Jesus

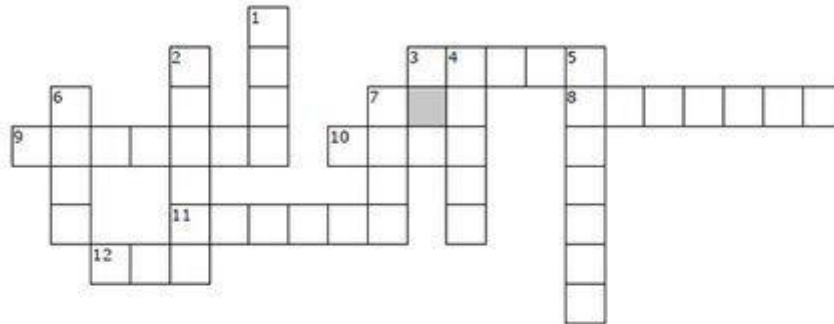
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blessed
branches
coats
crowd
donkey
Hosanna
Jerusalem
Jesus
palms
village



The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
 Luke 19:38 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING