

KIDS CHURCH ONLINE

Sunday 5th April 2020

THEME - JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM - PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 6: 46-49, John 12: 12-19 (NLT)

BIBLE

This story is found in all of the Gospels and each one gives another part of the story. In John we read why there was such a big crowd gathering at the entrance of Jerusalem. People were gathering for the passover festival. Also Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead and so many were talking about this miracle, so many gathered for they wanted to meet Jesus. In the book of Luke we read how the pharisees complained to Jesus, his followers shouldn't be saying things like that and Jesus tells them if they kept quiet, even the stones on the side of the road would shout out praises. In Mark we read that when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem he visited the Temple and had a look around, but it was late in the afternoon so he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Mark 11: 1-11

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

11 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. **2** "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"

4 The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. **5** As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" **6** They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. **7** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. **9** Jesus was in the centre of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Praise God in highest heaven!"

11 So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Luke 19: 28-40

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. **29** As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. **30** "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. **33** And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?”
34 And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” **35** So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.
36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. **37** When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.
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“Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”
39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”
40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

John12: 12-19

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

12 The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors **13** took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,
“Praise God!
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hail to the King of Israel!”
14 Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:
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“Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.
Look, your King is coming,
riding on a donkey's colt.”
16 His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfilment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realised that these things had been written about him.
17 Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. **18** That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. **19** Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”

HAVE A CHAT

Below are some questions to help you explore the story.

I wonder what part of the story you liked best?

I wonder what was the most important part?

I wonder where you are in the story?

I wonder how Jesus felt when he entered Jerusalem?

I wonder why the crowds were shouting praises to Jesus?

I wonder how the two disciple felt when they saw the donkey (colt)?

I wonder how they the people felt when they saw Jesus riding on a donkey?

I wonder why the Pharisees where annoyed with the crowd and Jesus?

ACTIVITIES

Tell the Story

Retell the story in your own words, can you remember all the different parts of the story? Perhaps find some props from around the house to help you tell the story.

Create your palm leaves

On a piece of paper draw round your hand, colour it in green and then cut it out. Roll up a separate piece of paper tightly and sellotape. attached the rolled up piece of paper to the back of the hand.

Make the story

Make some salt dough and make some...

- Palm leaves big enough to write/paint the text on when dry.
Bible Verse: "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!..." John 12:13
- Press your hand into a piece of dough to make an impression of your hand print, paint it and write the Bible verse on your hand print.
- Make a model of Jesus and the donkey, place Jesus on the donkey, cut out some patterns of coats and colour them in. Write out the Bible verse on the coat

Chalk the Walk

Decorate the end of your driveway or the road in front of your house with art...for example 'It's Palm Sunday' surrounded with palms and smiles.

Colouring (see the colouring folder)

If you are able print the colouring in sheets take some time to colour them in. If not why not give it a go and try and copy the design, then colour in it or make up your own design to tell the story.

Modelling (see the two template in the activity folder)

If you are able print the template on card or paper, if you don't have a printer draw or copy the donkey and palm leaf, colour and cut out fitting it together.

Rock painting

On your walk go in search for a rock you can paint. you can paint it with any sort of paint but some paints wash off so be careful not to get the rock wet once it is dry. Acrylic paint does not wash off. Please protect your clothes.

Paint Hosanna on a rock and maybe the next time you go for a walk place the rock somewhere for someone else to see.

Bible Verse: But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"
He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" Luke 19:39-40

or

You could paint a number of rocks with different pictures to tell the story or just one showing your favourite part of the story.

PRAYER

Prayer activities (see sheets in activity folder)

If you are able, print the prayer sheet and follow the instructions or just read it from the screen.

or

Take time to do the family prayer activity together.

***Recipe for Salt Dough**

1 cup salt

2 cups of flour

¾ cup of water

- *In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.*
- *Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.*
- *Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.*
- *Make your creations using the salt dough.*
- *Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.*

Please remind little ones that the salt dough is not edible.

Tips and Ideas

- *Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.*
- *You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with varnish or polyurethane spray.*
- *Salt dough can also be aired dried and is an alternative to oven drying.*
- *Involve the kids in making the salt dough as this encourages and promotes so many learning opportunities, plus it is so much fun!*