

Lesson 4-5-20

Theme: Palm Sunday

Set-up: The beginning of Holy Week!

Story to Read: "Jesus Enters Jerusalem" From "The Children's Illustrated Bible"

Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. When they reached Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, which was only a short distance from the city, Jesus sent two of his followers into the village. "You will find a donkey with its colt tethered to a doorway," he said. "Untie the young donkey and bring it here. If anyone tries to stop you, say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and they will let you go in peace."

The disciples did as Jesus had told them. Returning with the little colt, they put their cloaks on its back to act as a saddle. It had never been ridden before, but with Jesus it was docile and obedient. And so the Son of God rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

When the people saw him coming they covered the road with their garments and cut palm leaves and laid them in his path. Crowds gathered before him and behind him, singing, and shouting his praises to the sky. "Blessed is he, the son of David! Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!"

As Jesus drew nearer to Jerusalem he wept, for he knew that soon great troubles would come to Jerusalem.

Jesus and his followers passed through the gate into the city and made their way toward the temple. The people of Jerusalem stared to see such a procession. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Why is he being honored in this way?"

"That is Jesus," the others replied. "He is the great prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Activity Ideas:

Making palms - Color the attached palm and cut it out or make palms out of construction paper (see [instructions here](#)) Make enough for your whole family and then have a parade (inside or out) shouting, "Hosanna!"