

Praise Jesus

Readings: Matt. 21:1-17, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 28-40 & John 12:12-19

Aim: They had all expected Jesus to be an earthly king, but God had given them something so much better - an open door into a Kingdom that would never end.

Objective:

- Palm Sunday, in the calendar is the Sunday before Easter. It is the last Sunday in Lent, and the first day of Holy Week.
- Jesus was humble on Palm Sunday when he was presented as Israel's Messiah.
- In fulfilment of prophecy (Isaiah 62:11 & Zechariah 9:9), Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- God has made a special purpose for each one of us.
- People Plan Vs God's plan

2 Memory Verses

“ Hosanna!

‘ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ The King of Israel!’ John 12:13

I will sing of the Lord great love forever.

Psalm 89:1

Preparation 1

Mark Yanni would teach the children “ Hosanna!

‘ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ The King of Israel!’ before the lesson

Introduction:

Today we're going to hear a true Bible story about the special trip that Jesus took. On this trip, Jesus went to Jerusalem. He walked there with his friends (disciples). When people take a trip now, they usually go in a car, or bus, or airplane. But, back then in Bible Times, they had to ride animals to go places, and sometimes they walked. Jesus had taken many trips to Jerusalem before. But this time was very special. On this trip to Jerusalem, Jesus rode on a baby donkey! Who wants to go on this trip to Jerusalem with me? I think it will be lots of fun! We'll see a video along the way and learn what happened on Jesus' trip.

Preparation 2

- Ask the children to sit on their chairs and give everyone of them a palm branch. Ask them to listen first to the story of Jesus Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem.
- One of the servants will act the role of Jesus who will pretend being riding on a donkey.
- Another servant will be telling the story, then he/she will be moving with the crowd (Children and servants) to act the scene.

Lesson Outline:

It was an exciting time of the year. Every year at this time, all the people from far away took a trip to Jerusalem to celebrate. Let's pretend that we are going on a trip to Jerusalem with Jesus and His friends (disciples). Jesus had been to Jerusalem many times before. But this time, it was very special. Long time ago a prophet told us that Jesus would go to Jerusalem in a *different* way this time. The prophet told us that *this* time Jesus would be riding on a little baby donkey!

As I told you before, Jesus and His disciple were on their way to Jerusalem. And when they came close to Bethphage near the mount of Olives, He sent two disciples into the next village to go and find a donkey and her colt tied to a tree there.

Jesus gave them specific instructions:

- to loose the donkey and the colt by untying them
- and to bring them to Him.
- Jesus said that if anyone should ask them what they were doing, to tell them simply that the Lord has need of them, and that they would allow them to take them to Him.

The disciples did as Jesus commanded and brought the donkey and colt to Him.

The disciples put their clothes and then Jesus on the donkey,

Preparation 3

2 servants will be acting this seen

The servant who is telling the story would continue:

The great crowd that had gathered in that place began to spread their garments to line the path for Jesus, while others cut down palm branches and placed them on the path.

Preparation 4

Ask The children to put the chairs aside and follow Jesus with branches singing

**" Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
The King of Israel!"**

It was such a special parade and the people were so happy. They continued on their trip into Jerusalem and the whole city was deeply stirred, asking "Who is this?" The great crowd that came with Jesus proclaimed, "This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

Conclusion:

Preparation 5

Show the Video "Jesus enters Jerusalem"

Show the Video "Palm Sunday"

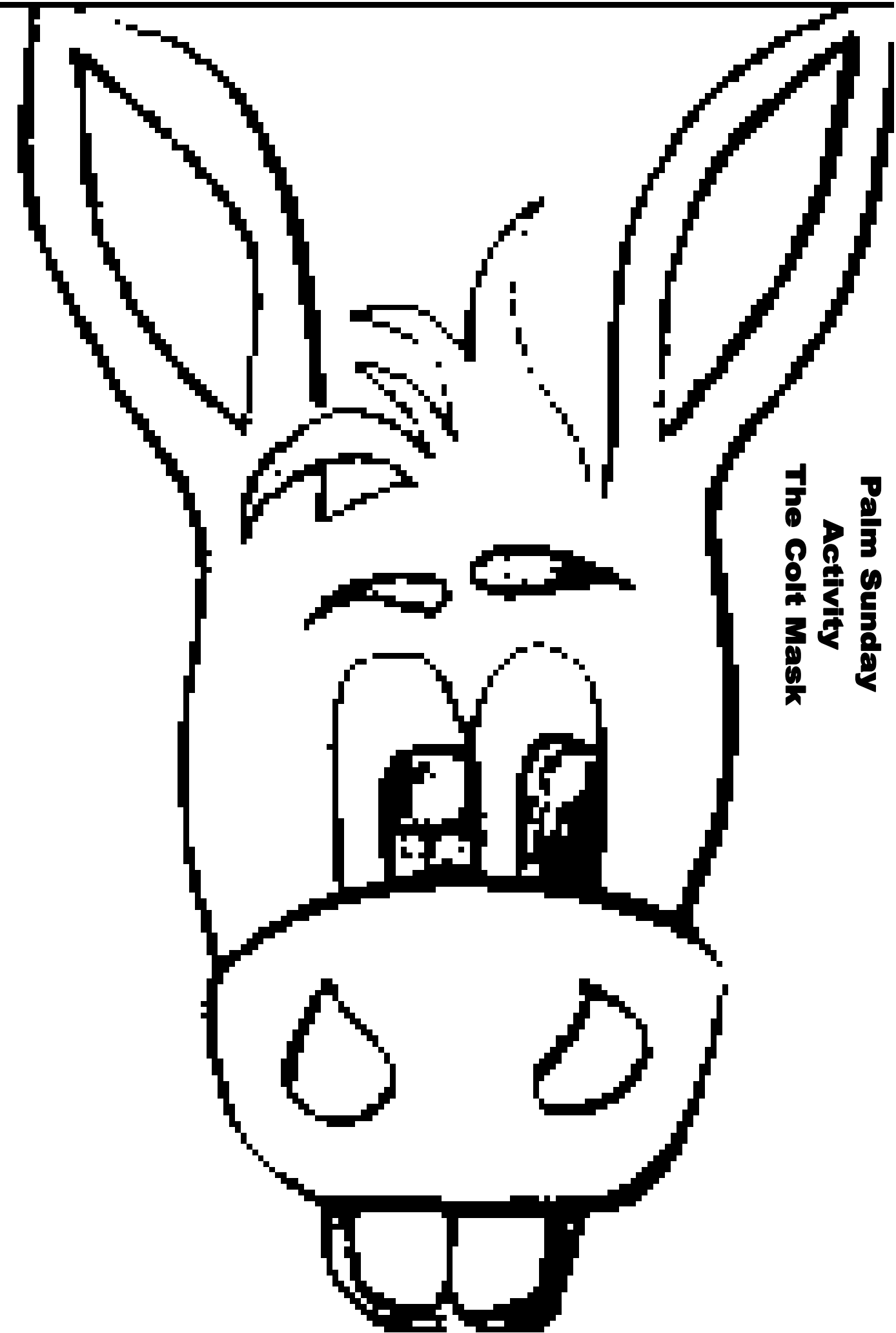
Activities

- The class activity and the parade + showing the videos will consume the time.
- If you are not going to follow the lesson plan and would like to have art craft, you may ask the children to colour in the mask for the colt and attach rubber bands to go around the ears.
- Or you may print — in-advance the coloured mask and give to the children.

**Palm Sunday
Activity**

The Colt Mask





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Learn the verse

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Jesus Enters Jerusalem
AN ANIMATED PICTURE

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1. Where in scripture is this story found?

2. Jesus sent two disciples to get something, what was it?

_____ & _____

3. What did the disciples do to the donkey before Jesus got on?

Put their _____ on it.

4. What did the people lay before Jesus other than their clothing?

_____ and _____ .

5. What can we lay down in an offering of worship to Jesus?

- A. Pray
- B. Praise Him
- C. Stop doing bad things
- D. All the above

6. What did the people of Jerusalem say when Jesus entered the city?

" Hos_____! ' *Blessed is _____ who comes in the name of the _____!*' The _____ of Israel!"

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above in order**

