

# Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Palm Sunday



Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey.

You can find it in your Bible in:

**Matthew 21:1-11**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.

**The other passage we will be thinking about is:**

Psalm 118 v 1-2 and 19-29



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem. Thank you that you came to be a Savior for everybody.

As we prepare for Easter help us to draw close to you and learn more about who you are.

We pray for those in the world who do not know you yet. Help them to recognize you as their Savior

Amen

## Discussion

Questions for adults to ask children

*What did the people in the story shout?*

*What do you think 'Hosanna' means?*

The word Hosanna in Hebrew meant 'save us' – it is the same word you can find in verse 25 of Psalm 118. The people who were welcoming Jesus into the city were recognising Jesus as their Saviour. Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem on a colt was a fulfilment of the prophecies that had been made about him in the Old Testament. He was the Messiah that the people had been waiting for.

A question for children to ask adults

*Can you think of a time when you had a visit from somebody important or exciting? What happened and how did it make you feel?*

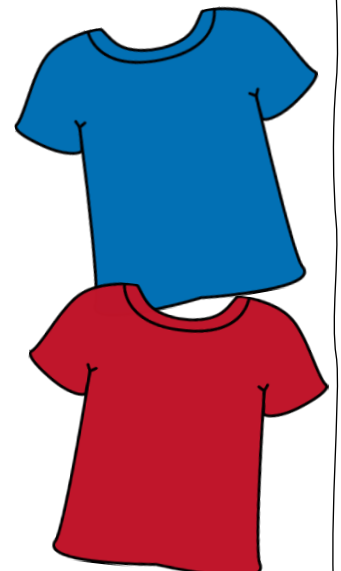
## Family Activity 1

You will need: fabric you don't mind standing on e.g. old t-shirts, pillow cases.

Using just two or three pieces of fabric can you get your whole family from one side of the room to the other?

You are only allowed to stand on the fabric and not touch the floor. You will need to work as a team standing on one piece while you move the other.

Use this as a reminder of the clothes that the people put down for Jesus to walk on.





## A verse to remember

**Psalm 118 v 24 "This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it"**

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Sometimes when life is difficult, or we are feeling sad or worried it can be hard to be glad. But every day we have things to be thankful for. Why not make a list of all the things you can be grateful for and say a big thank you to God for all He has provided for you and your family today.

## Family Activity 2

You will need: Leaves, sticks, rocks

In your garden or on your daily walk why not collect some leaves to make into a collage at home.

The people in the story were so excited to welcome Jesus that they grabbed what they could find to worship Him.

What other items can you find in your garden or on your walk to make some worship art from? Arrange the items you have found to make your own picture.



## Active Prayer

A Virtual Prayer Wave

We might not be able to meet up with all the people we would like, but we can send a wave of encouragement and pray for others.

Why not start your own virtual wave of encouragement? Video call another family and give them a big encouraging smile and wave. Take a moment to pray for them and then ask them to send the wave on to another family.

How far will your prayer wave travel?

Maybe it will even come back to you!



## Helping Older Children

*Easter is a time to remember that Jesus defeated death and rose again and an opportunity to talk about why as Christians we do not fear death.*

**We have a Savior!** - Even though it is hard to lose people, God has made a way through Jesus that everybody can be forgiven for their sins and live for eternity with God. In Heaven there is no pain, sickness, sadness or death.

**God is bigger!** - God is bigger than anything we are scared or worried about, bigger than sickness or death. When we are sad or scared or worried we can call out to God. God is always with us and always hears us. It's good to talk to grownups who we trust to share how we are feeling so that they can pray with us, too.

A colouring page you could print and colour together

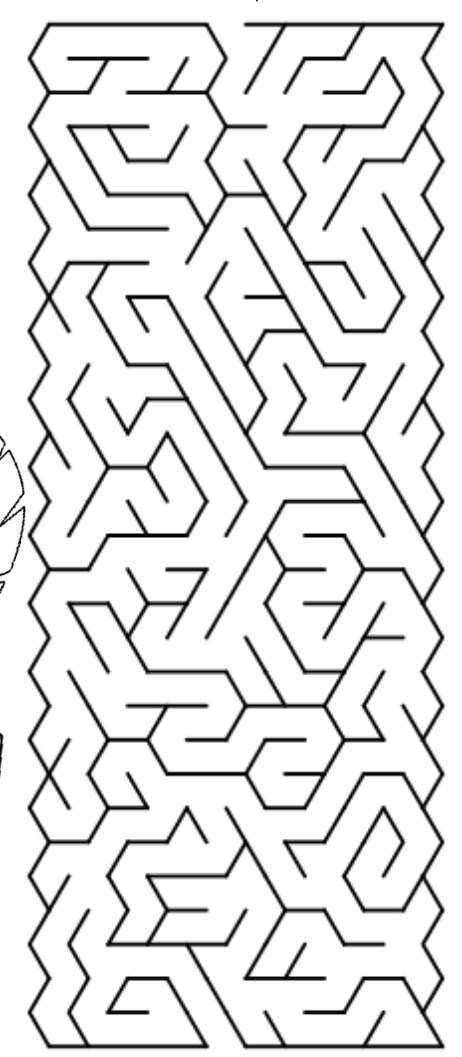




# Puzzle Sheet

Jesus travelled into Jerusalem on a colt – a baby donkey. Can you match these adult animals to their babies? The first one has been done for you.

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| cat      | ..... | calf    |
| horse    | ..... | joey    |
| dog      | ..... | piglet  |
| lion     | ..... | kitten  |
| sheep    | ..... | tadpole |
| pig      | ..... | cub     |
| kangaroo | ..... | lamb    |
| cow      | ..... | foal    |
| frog     | ..... | puppy   |



Can you fit the words below into the grid? CLUE: If you are struggling begin with the shortest word.


How many palm leaves can you count on the page?

Answer: There are eleven palm leaves on the page