



1. PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds welcomed him by putting their cloaks on the ground as the donkey walked along. Other people cut branches from the trees around and spread them over the road. Everyone shouted, “Hosanna!” and “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

You can read the whole story in Mark 11:1-11



ACTIVITY 1

There is a video clip attached to this page which has a parrot called Pecky thinking about Palm Sunday. If you are able to, why not watch this now?

Pecky was sad because this year he won't be able to have one of the Palm Crosses that he remembers having in previous years. But he had a good idea! When he went out for a walk, he found two sticks, one longer than the other. He also found an elastic band that the postman had dropped!



Challenge!

What can you find to make a cross as Pecky did? Can you find some sticks? (Check with an adult before you pick any up)

Maybe you can find a long and a short pencil, or perhaps you could use some Lego or Duplo to make a cross.

You might need to search for an elastic band, or a hair bobble or maybe some string to tie the two sticks together.

ACTIVITY 2

It might be very hard in your home to have a procession, but why not try! If you are in just one room, can you walk in a circle around it? Or can you safely go into a hall or another room? Check with an adult about what would be safe.

Then choose one of these songs, hold your cross high and praise Jesus, our amazing King!

<https://youtu.be/oAaQ5EEXidc> - Hosanna

<https://youtu.be/5jtDqKkdS1M> - Here comes Jesus

<https://youtu.be/g-qDQSjnzH8> Ride on Ride on

You could use this prayer at the end of your procession, it is one of the special prayers for Palm Sunday.

*True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.*

ACTIVITY 3 - HANDS TO PRAISE!

Find a large piece of paper – it could be wrapping paper, a sheet of newspaper or even the inside of a cereal box which is used up and unfolded. With the people you are with, take it in turns to draw around your hand with a pen or a felt pen. As you do this, think about Jesus on his way into Jerusalem. Is there a word that this makes you think of, or maybe you have a question or something you are thinking about. Write this inside your hand shape (ask an adult to help if this is tricky)

Keep going until you have filled the paper or you have written all you can think of. You can leave some of the hand shapes empty, because as we go through Holy Week there might be other things you think of.

Have a moment of quiet and in your head, tell Jesus what you are thinking about. Even if your thoughts are just yours, Jesus knows and understands.

Keep your handprints sheet and your cross.
As we go through Holy Week we will talk
about these more!

