

Jo Harris transcript of the story of Palm Sunday

Show box with a cut out of Jerusalem on the front.

“Today I am going to tell you a story of Palm Sunday. I am going to give you some things that will help you to tell the story with me.

Hand out leaves and squares of paper towels.

When it was coming up to Passover time, which was a special time for Jesus who were Jewish people. They would go to Jerusalem which was a big, big city .It was where the temple was, which was a very special place to pray. And so this day, this Passover, Jesus had asked his disciples to get him a donkey, and he was riding towards Jerusalem on his donkey.

****Place Jesus and the donkey on the road furthest from Jerusalem.***

And he had some of his friends with him. Some of the disciples.

Place the disciples on the road

And lots of people had heard all about Jesus. They heard that he healed people with his touch, that he told great stories about God’s love. And they heard that Jesus made people feel they were loved by God.

So lots of people had heard that Jesus was coming into town. So men and women and even some children came to the road into Jerusalem to watch him coming in and to say ‘Hello’.

Place the people on the road

They were very excited to see Jesus. They were so excited to see him that they were yelling out ‘Hosanna’ and they didn’t have pointy fingers like they use at the football or balloons or anything, so they ripped some leaves off the trees and were waving these around like streamers.

Invite the children with leaves to put these down now on the road next to the people.

And then other people were so excited that Jesus was coming that they took their tunics off which was the outer garment that they had on their clothes and they lay them on the road so Jesus’s donkey didn’t even have to touch the dirt. It was going on these peoples clothes.

Those children with clothes now come and put them on the road.

And to all these ‘Hosannas’ and people laying their cloaks on the road, Jesus rode into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with his friends.

I wonder how Jesus felt when he saw all of those people waving palms, taking off their cloaks and putting them on the ground, singing Hosanna?

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