



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 9

Jesus Anointing and Entry

The Gospel of John / John 12:1-19

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY



SO THAT YOU MIGHT **BELIEVE**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Jesus Anointing and Entry

John 12:1-19



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **the Gospel of John**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact hello@stbartskids.org

TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- Various small squares of green paper cut out
- Glue sticks
- Printout of Worksheet #1
- Palm leaves (either real or cut out of paper)
- Paper Plates
- Sticky Dots
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Coloured Pencils / Crayons
- Split Pins
- Printout Worksheet #2
- Essential oil (optional)
- Play dough (green if possible)
- Play dough mats Worksheet #3 laminated
- Wipes for cleaning
- Pool Noodles
- A3 printout Worksheet #4
- Blu-tac
- Individual donkey tails cut out
- Blindfolds
- Gospel of Mark Playing Cards (download this printable resource [here](#))
- Dark Green Card
- Lead pencils
- Scissors
- Gluesticks
- Green A4 Paper
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Green curling ribbon

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the ninth in a twelve week series based on the Gospel of John.

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 12:1-19

TOPIC

Jesus Anointing and Entry

WEEK

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OVERVIEW

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is our promised King and Saviour who deserves our devoted faith.

SERIES OVERVIEW

The Gospel of John is unique in the New Testament. Where the Gospel of Mark begins with Jesus' launch into ministry, Luke opens with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth, and Matthew commences with a summary of Jesus' genealogy, John transports us much further back: to the very beginning! In the beginning was the Word!

Right from the opening words of John, he not only shows us the supremacy and glory of Jesus, but he calls us to recognise and respond to Jesus. John's intent is not only to provide a faithful account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, but so that this news would cause a change in us. That we would believe that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God. The purpose of John's Gospel—as Don Carson put it—is to make us believers.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus \(LifeKids\)](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [The Book of John in Song for Kids](#)
2. [God's Story: John](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Jesus is the King](#)
2. [King of the Jungle](#)
3. [Every Move I Make](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [Jesus is the King](#)
2. [Every Move I Make](#)
3. [Jesus our Savior](#)

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SERIES

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John 12:1-19

TOPIC

Jesus Anointing and Entry

TEACHING TIME

Jesus' Anointing and Entry

There are lots of different ways to show love: we might hug someone or get them a surprise present. Just hanging out with people we love or helping them when they're stressed are ways of showing that we care.

In our story, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem for the Passover. On the way, he spends time with people he loves: Lazarus, Martha and Mary. Imagine how glad they are to see each other! A special dinner is held to honour Jesus. Suddenly, while Martha is serving the meal, Mary does something no one expects. She pours a very precious bottle of perfumed oil over Jesus' feet. Then she wipes Jesus' feet with her hair. The room is filled with the sweet smell.

Can you imagine what people were thinking? They're probably shocked. Judas is quite angry when he says: *Why waste all that money when it could be given to the poor?*

But Jesus knows that Judas has missed the point. Mary has done this as an act of love and devotion.

Mary has given to Jesus, probably the most expensive thing she owned.

In Jerusalem, crowds are gathering. They want to see Jesus - and Lazarus, the man Jesus raised from death.

When Jesus arrives, even bigger crowds come to welcome him. They wave palm branches and shout: that *Jesus is the King of Israel!*

They are excited! But they miss the point. Jesus didn't come to be the King of Israel - he came because he is the real King of ALL people and ALL creation. And he loves us so much that he will die for us so we can belong to his kingdom.

At the same time, there are some of the top religious leaders who refuse to believe in Jesus and will try to have him killed. because the people are following him instead of them.

And the disciples are with Jesus - but they don't really understand why Jesus has told them he must die

So many people are now in Jerusalem. And in the next few days, they have to decide if they really want to be true followers of Jesus! - devoted to him.

I wonder what you would decide?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

How can you show Jesus that you love him?

2. Lower Primary

How do you know that Jesus loves you?

3. Middle Primary

How can you tell your friends that you are a follower of Jesus?

4. Upper Primary

This week, how will your friends know that you are a devoted follower of Jesus?

FOCUS

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WARM-UPS

- How do you know that someone loves you?
- How do you show someone that you love them?

Early Childhood



Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to visit Lazarus, the man he had raised from the dead.

Jesus Anointing and Entry

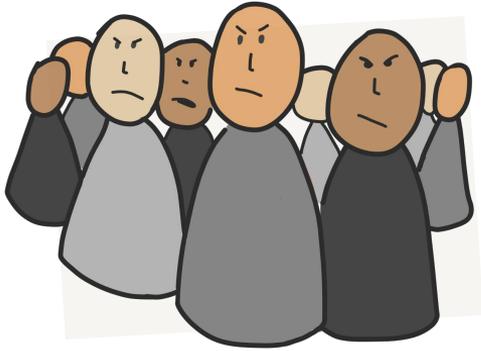


Mary, Martha and Lazarus put on a dinner at their place to honour Jesus.

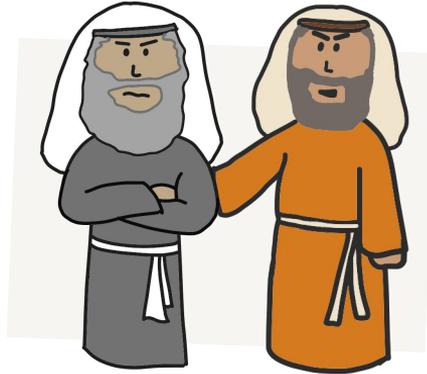


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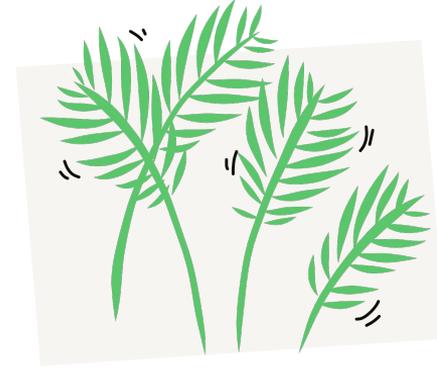
Early Childhood



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They were making plans to kill him, because many people were starting to believe in Jesus.

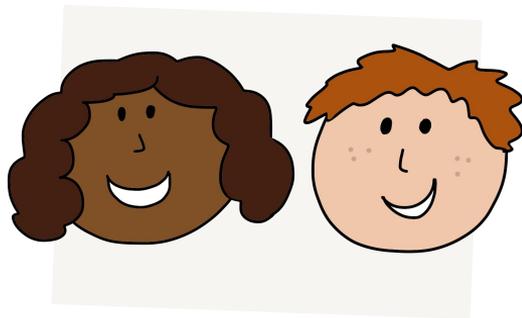


The next day a large crowd heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. So they took branches from palm trees and went out to meet him.

Early Childhood



Jesus rode on a young donkey and the crowds cheered him. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the king of Israel!”



People kept telling others about Jesus raising Lazarus.



So the religious leaders said to one another, “This isn’t getting us anywhere. Look how everyone is following Jesus!”

Lower Primary

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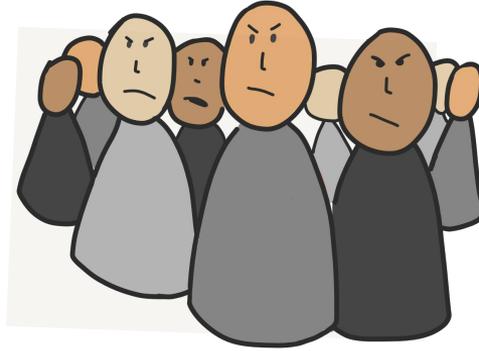


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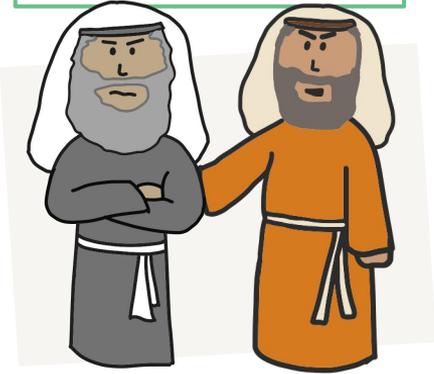


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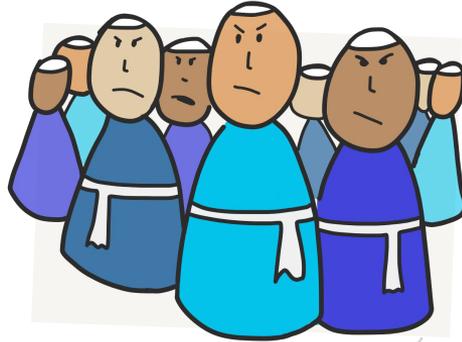


12 The next day a large crowd heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches from palm trees and went out to meet him.

Lower Primary



14-15 Jesus rode on a young donkey and the crowds cheered him. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the king of Israel!”



17-18 People kept telling others about Jesus raising Lazarus. 19 So the religious leaders said to one another, “This isn’t getting us anywhere. Look how everyone is following Jesus!”

Middle Primary

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3 After dinner, Mary took a large bottle of expensive perfume, poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair.

Middle Primary



4-5 But Judas didn't like what Mary did, so he said "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to poor people? It was worth a year's pay."

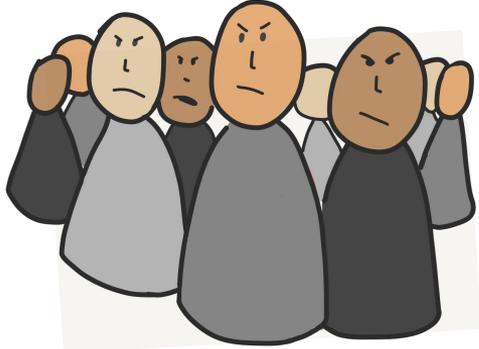


6 He didn't say this because he cared about the poor. He said it because he was a thief.

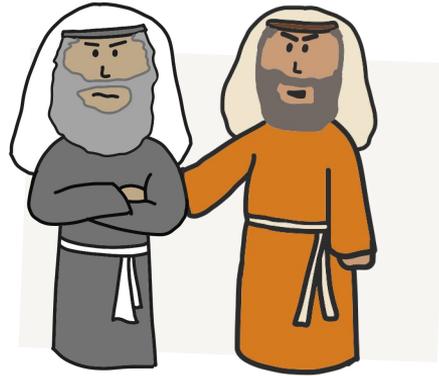


7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "The perfume was meant for the day I am buried. 8 You will always have the poor among you and you can help them whenever you like. But you won't always have me."

Middle Primary



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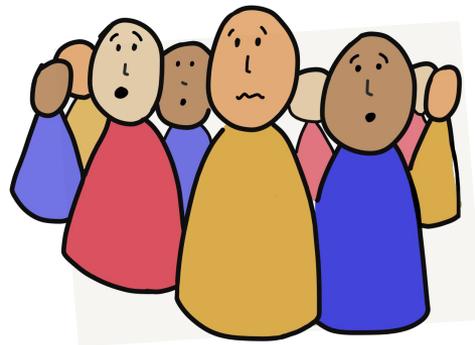
Middle Primary



13 So they took branches from palm trees and went out to meet him. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!”

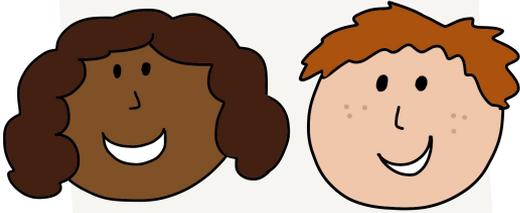


14-15 Jesus found a young donkey and rode into Jerusalem on it. This had been foretold by a prophet that the promised king would come sitting on a donkey.

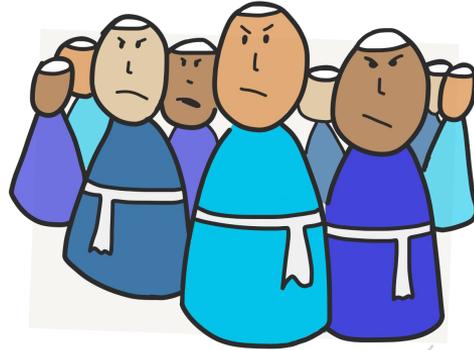


16 Jesus' disciples only understood all this after Jesus had died.

Middle Primary



17 People kept telling others about Jesus raising Lazarus. 18 So many people went out to meet Jesus. They had heard that he had done this sign.



19 So the religious leaders said to one another, “This isn’t getting us anywhere. Look how the whole world is following him!”

FOCUS

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Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
 THANK YOU for Jesus.
 THANK YOU that he is our King and Saviour.
 PLEASE HELP US to love Jesus and follow him every day.
 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook [John 12: 1-19](#)

- 1. How do you show love to your family and friends?**
- 2. What did Martha, Mary and Lazarus do to show their love for Jesus?**
They had a dinner party in his honour.
- 3. What did Mary do to show her love for Jesus?**
She poured a bottle of expensive perfume on his feet and wiped them with her hair.
- 4. How would you have felt if you had seen Mary do that and smelt the sweet smell of perfume in the room?** Surprised? Shocked? Pleased? Curious?
- 5. What did the crowd take to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem?**
Palm branches - to welcome him as king. They were hoping he would be the new King of Israel.
- 6. Are you surprised that Jesus rode a donkey?**
You would expect that a powerful king would ride a big horse!
- 7. What kind of King is Jesus?**
He is the King of all the world (he's powerful)- and he also wants to be King (number one) in our lives (he's gentle).
- 8. How can you show Jesus that you love him?**

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard. It was an expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the sweet smell of the perfume.
 John 12: 3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
 Thank you that Jesus is the promised King and our Saviour.
 Thank you that he came to save us.
 Please help us to trust him, love him, and give him our best.
 Help us to follow Jesus every day.
 Amen.

Read John 12: 1-19 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

- How do you show love to your family and friends?**
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They had a dinner party in his honour.
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She poured a bottle of expensive perfume on his feet and wiped them with her hair.
- How would you have felt if you had seen Mary do that and smelt the sweet smell of perfume in the room?** Surprised? Shocked? Pleased? Curious?
- Why are the religious leaders angry at Jesus?**
They were jealous because lots of people were following Jesus.
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Palm branches - to welcome him as king. They were hoping he would be the new King of Israel.
- Are you surprised that Jesus rode a donkey?**
You would expect that a powerful king would ride a big horse! *Point out that 500 years earlier, Zechariah wrote that the Messiah King would come humble riding on a donkey - but even the disciples didn't make this connection this until after the resurrection.*
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He is the King of all the world (he's powerful)- and he also wants to be King (number one) in our lives (he's gentle).
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 - Who will you tell about Jesus this week?
 - What will you say?

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Middle Primary

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 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 12: 1-19 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

- How many of you have ever had or watched a pet dog? How can you tell that it is devoted to the family?** Dogs want to be with us and to please us. They are usually devoted to their owners.
- Read v 1-3. What did Mary do that showed that she was devoted to Jesus?** She broke open a bottle of expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet - and then wiped his feet with her hair. It was an act of love and worship - and she didn't care who saw it.
- Why was she so devoted?** She and her family had been good friends and followers of Jesus and would have heard him teaching. But when he raised Lazarus from the dead, she would have been absolutely sure that he was God.
- Judas criticised Mary's sacrifice. What do verses 4-6 tell us about Judas's heart?** He didn't understand how much Mary loved Jesus. And he was a thief. Even though he had been a disciple for 3 years, he was not devoted to Jesus.
- What is strange about the attitude of the religious leaders in v9-10?** Even though they could see Lazarus alive, they still wanted to kill Jesus because people were following him. They were scared because he was so popular.
- How do the crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem the next day? v 13?** They bring palm branches and praise him as their King.
- What was unexpected about the way Jesus rode into Jerusalem v 14-15 ?** He rode a donkey. You would expect that a powerful king would ride a big horse - but Jesus is humble! *Point out that 500 years earlier,, Zechariah wrote that the Messiah King would come humble riding on a donkey - but the disciples didn't this understand this until after the resurrection.*
- I wonder who you are most like?**
 - Mary who was loyal to Jesus and loved him
 - The disciples who miss the point because they're confused
 - Judas who misses the point because he is not a true follower
 - The crowd who miss the point because they don't understand what sort of King Jesus is?
 - The leaders who miss the point because they refuse to believe Jesus is God and to follow him?
- If Jesus loved us so much that he died for us, what does it mean to make him King of your life?**
- This week, how might your friends know that you are a follower of Jesus?** You could talk about being

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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Help us to follow Jesus every day.
Amen.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 12: 1-19 from NIRV Adventure Bible

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 - The disciples who miss the point because they're confused
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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Help us to follow Jesus every day.

Amen.

TIPS

This week, every time you smell something nice, let it remind you to pray and to ask Jesus to help you trust him and love him more.

Early Childhood

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Sunday School

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Palm Leaf Collage
- Hide & Seek Palm Leaves
- Sticky Dot Perfume Jars
- Anoint Jesus' Feet *(Kindy)*
- Playdough Palms *(Kindy)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Pin the Tail on the Donkey *(Prep)*
- Jesus Card Games *(Yrs 1-2)*
- Palm 'Hand' Branch *(Yrs 3-4)*
- Paper Palms *(Yrs 5-6)*

GAMES

- Donkey Rides (with Pool Noodles) *(Kindy)*
- Knights, Mounts, Cavaliers *(Prep-Yr 6)*

Palm Leaf Collage

YOU'LL NEED...

- Various small squares of green paper cut out
- Glue sticks
- Printout of Worksheet #1

STEPS

1. Give each child a Palm Branch Craft Printable.
2. Explain to the children how to apply the glue onto the branches (one at a time) and then attach some of the green squares along each branch (lines) to make a palm branch.
3. Repeat for each branch until there is a complete green leaf.

Source:

<https://deeperkidmin.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/DKM-Palm-Sunday-Scrapbook-Craft.pdf>



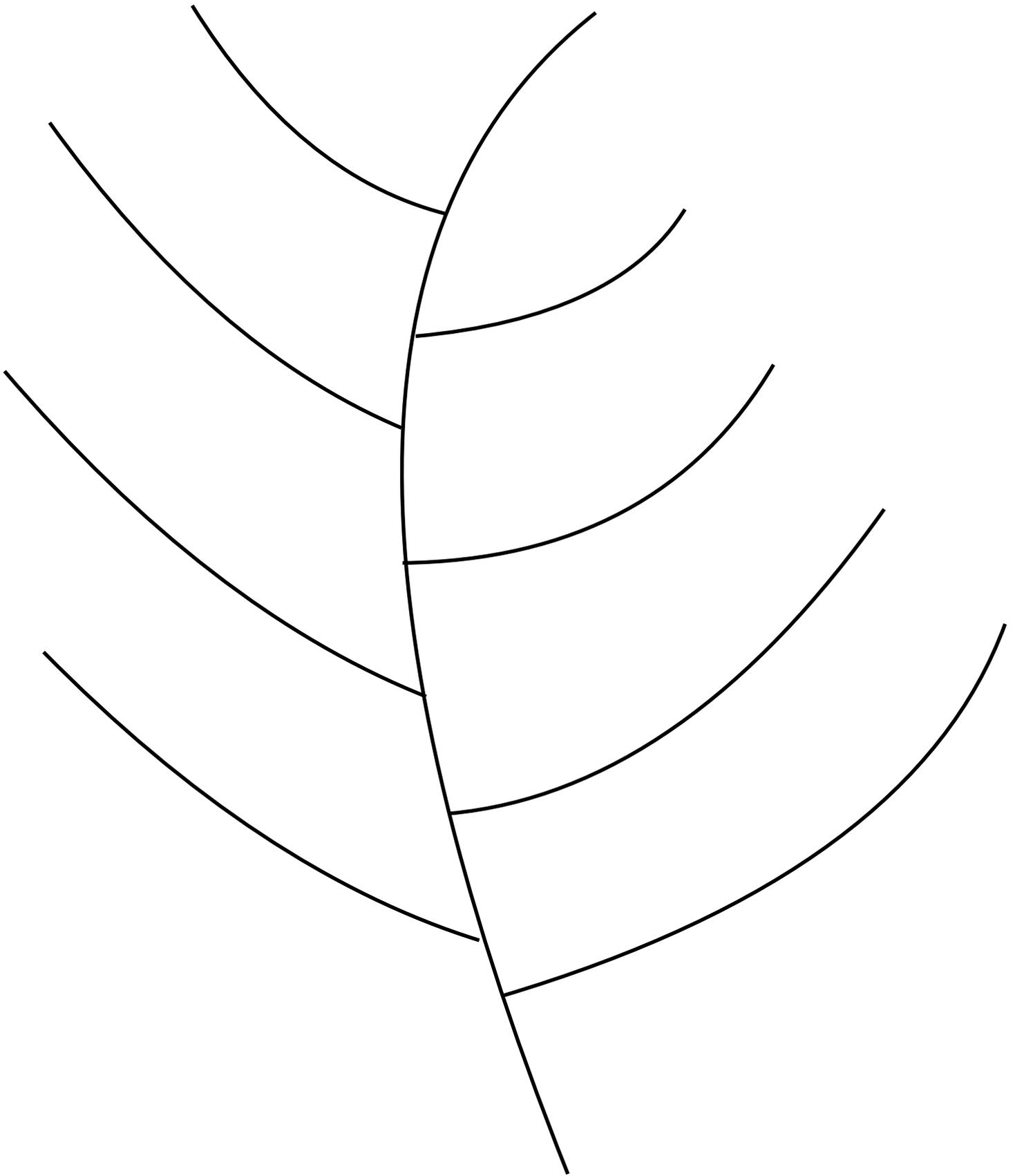
Link

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowds shouted Hosanna and waved palm branches.



WORKSHEET #1

The printouts for the PALM LEAF COLLAGE can be found on the following page.



**Hosanna to the
Son of David!**



Hide & Seek Palm Leaves

YOU'LL NEED...

- Palm leaves (either real or cut out of paper)

SERIES

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STEPS

1. Hide the Palm leaves in the outdoor patio area/grassed area or inside.
2. Get the children to try and find all of the palm leaves. Ensure that each child gets a turn to find one.



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Sticky Dot Perfume Jars

YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper Plates
- Sticky Dots
- Scissors
- Crayons

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STEPS

1. Cut out a jar/urn shape from a paper plate, to resemble an old-style perfume jar.
2. Have the children use crayons to colour in the top and base of the jar.
3. Then using sticky dots, have the children decorate the jar.



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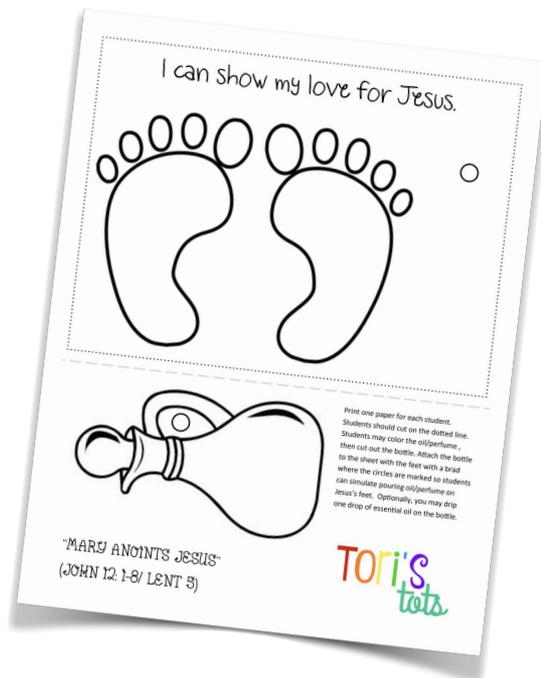
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STEPS

1. Give each child the top part of the printout and the perfume bottle cut out.
2. Encourage the children to colour in the perfume bottle.
3. Attach the bottle to the sheet with a split pin where the circles are.
4. Show the children how they can 'pour' perfume on Jesus' feet.
5. Optional, you can drip one drop of essential oil on the bottle.

Source:

<https://toristots.wordpress.com/2016/03/14/mary-anoints-jesus-lent-5/>



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Anoint Jesus' Feet

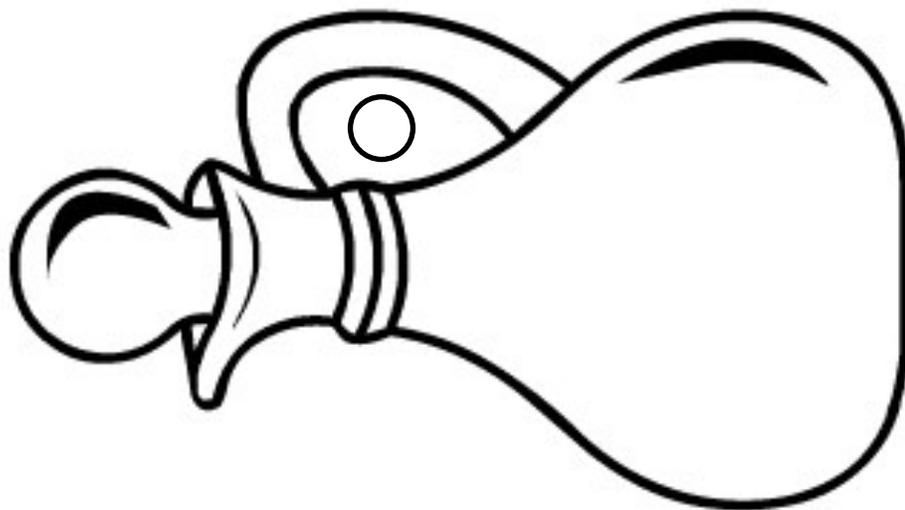
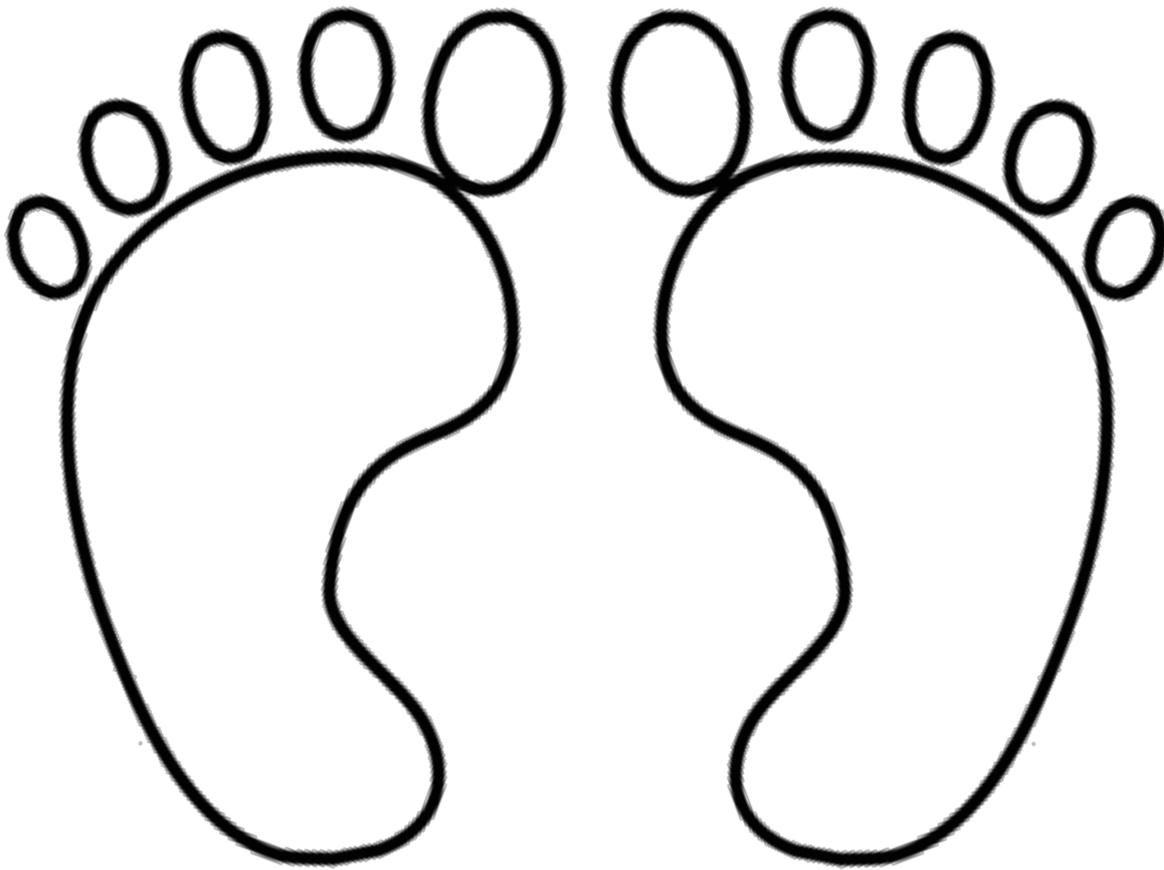
YOU'LL NEED...

- Coloured Pencils / Crayons
- Split Pins
- Printout Worksheet #2
- Essential oil (optional)



The printout for the ANOINT JESUS' FEET can be found on the following page.

I can show my love for Jesus.



Print one paper for each student.
Students should cut on the dotted line.
Students may color the oil/perfume ,
then cut out the bottle. Attach the bottle
to the sheet with the feet with a brad
where the circles are marked so students
can simulate pouring oil/perfume on
Jesus's feet. Optionally, you may drip
one drop of essential oil on the bottle.

"MARY ANOINTS JESUS"
(JOHN 12: 1-8/ LENT 5)

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SERIES

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STEPS

1. Hand out the play dough mats and play dough.
2. Invite the children to fill in the palm branch shapes using playdough.



Link

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowds shouted Hosanna and waved palm branches.

Playdough Palms

YOU'LL NEED...

- Play dough (green if possible)
- Play dough mats Worksheet #3 laminated
- Wipes for cleaning

The printout for the PALM LEAF PLAY DOUGH MAT can be found on the following page.

PALM SUNDAY

Using play dough, fill in the leaves on the palm branch.



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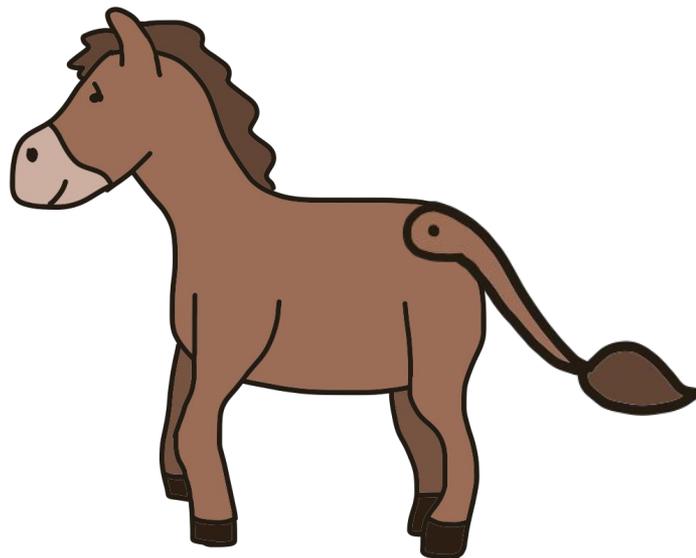
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Jesus Anointing and Entry

STEPS

1. Pin up the Donkey poster on a steady wall, at about shoulder height for the group you are working with.
2. Give each child a donkey tail and explain that the aim of the game is to pin the tail on the donkey, in the spot where a tail would normally be found.
3. Children line up to have their turn, however they must be blindfolded for their turn.
4. Once all of the children have had a turn, they are to see which tail was the closest to being in the correct spot.



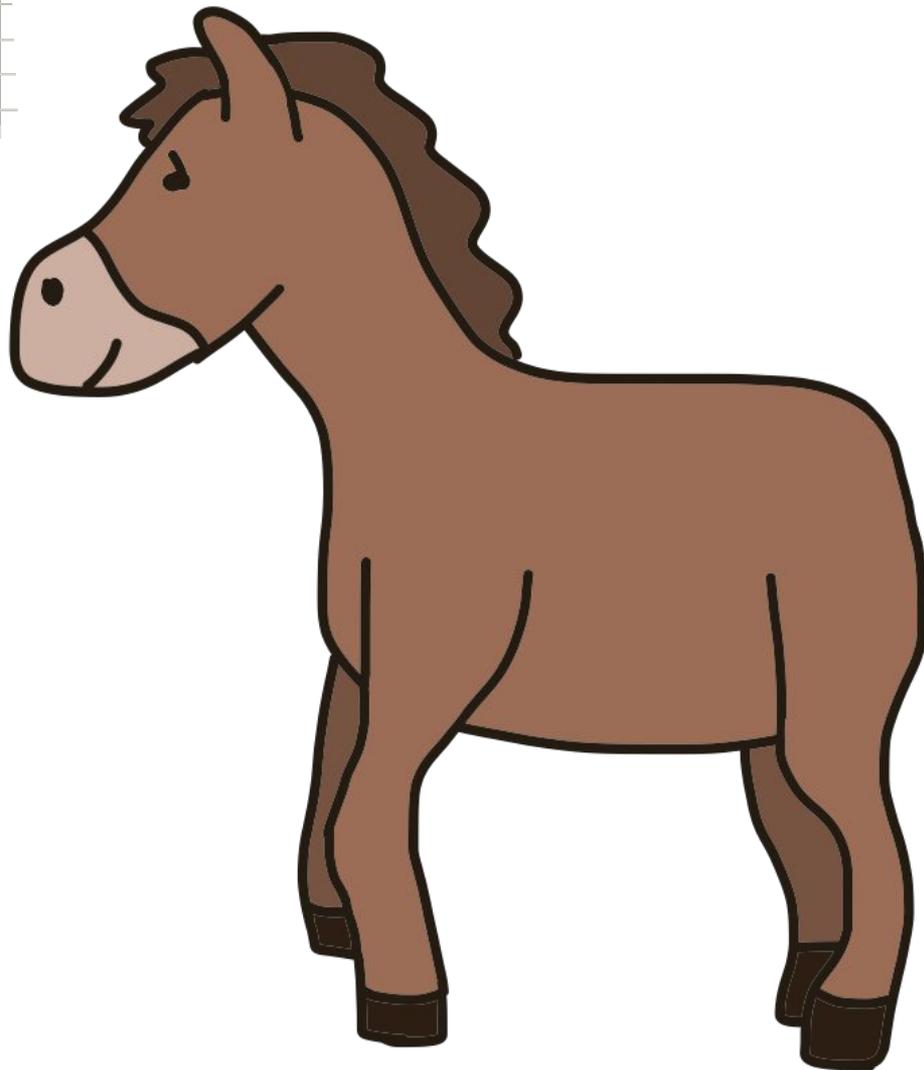
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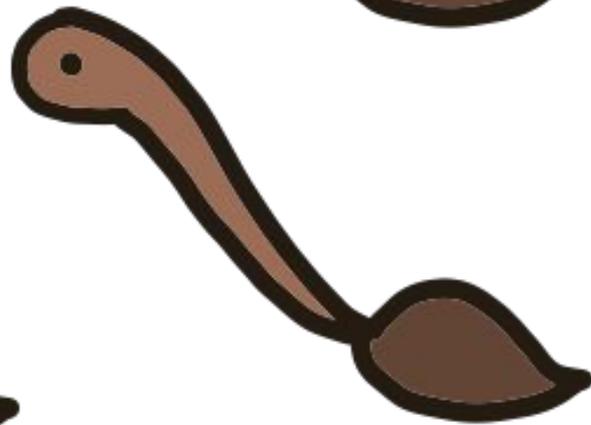
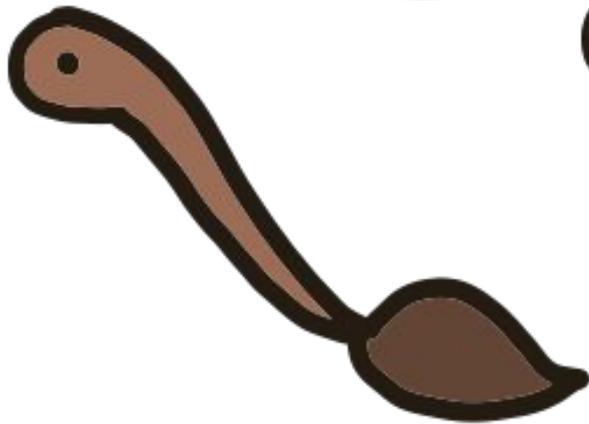
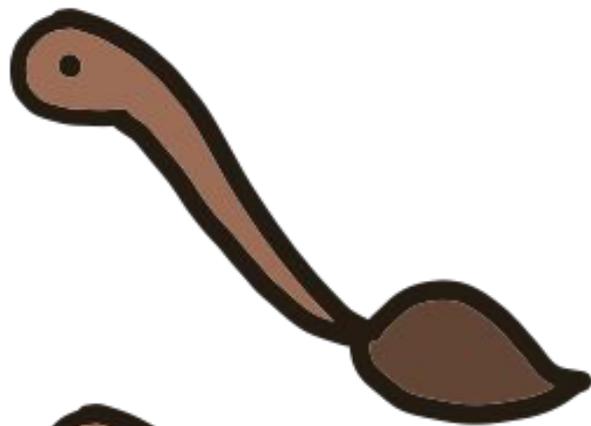
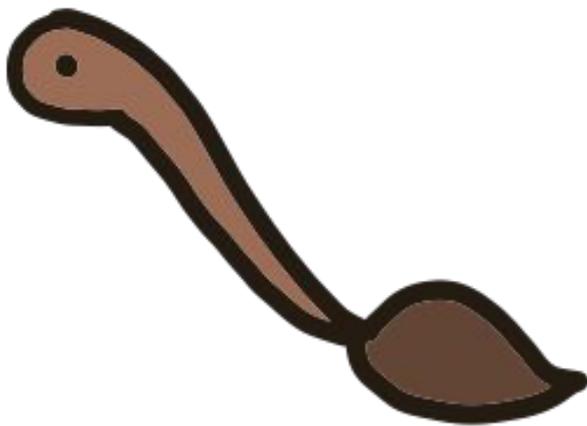
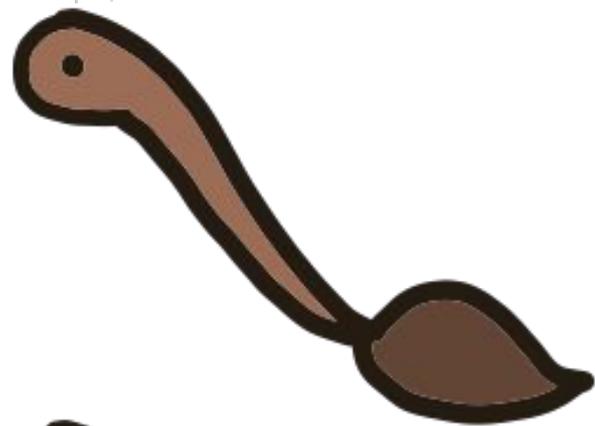
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Pin the Tail on the Donkey

YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 printout Worksheet #4
- Blu-tac
- Individual donkey tails cut out
- Blindfolds





Jesus Card Games

YOU'LL NEED...

- Gospel of Mark Playing Cards (download this printable resource [here](#))

SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 12:1-19

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STEPS

1. Shuffle the deck of Mark cards.
2. Decide whether to play snap, go fish, memory, or another appropriate game.
3. Note: each deck (52 cards) contains a double set of 26 images with accompanying scripture verses/summary.



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This deck of cards is a fantastic reminder of how unique and almighty King Jesus really is!

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1. Each child is to take a sheet of green paper and have a partner trace around their hands.
2. Cut out the hand shapes.
3. Have the children repeat steps 1-2, creating as many hands as they can.
4. Glue these onto the 'Hosanna Banner' - around the edge. It will look extra effective if the hands are slightly overlapping, as if they look like a large palm branch.



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Palm 'Hand' Branch

YOU'LL NEED...

- Dark Green Card
- Lead pencils
- Scissors
- Gluesticks

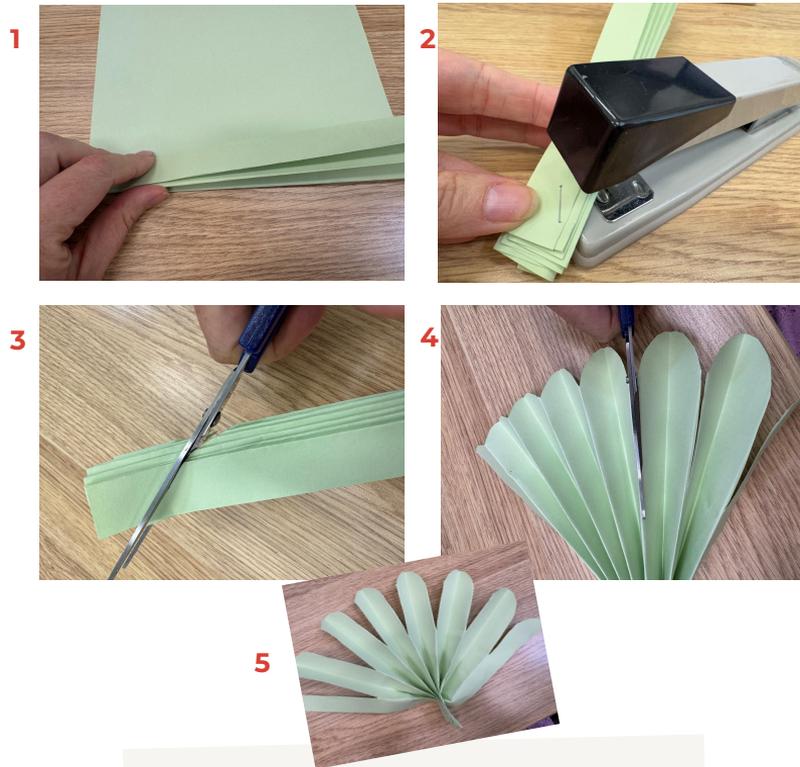
Paper Palms

YOU'LL NEED...

- Green A4 Paper
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Green curling ribbon

STEPS

1. Take an A4 sheet of paper. Concertina fold this (using the short side as the base).
2. Holding the finished fold together, staple one end and cut an angle across the opposite end (this end will be the tips of the leaves).
3. Slightly open out the palm branch. It should look like a fan at this stage.
4. Carefully cut down every second folded line, cutting only $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the way down.
5. Fan out the branch.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 so that many palm leaves can be made.
7. Attach multiple leaves to the curling ribbon and hang up like bunting in the room.



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GAME: Donkey Rides (with Pool Noodles)

YOU'LL NEED...

- Pool Noodles

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WEEK

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STEPS

1. Give each child a pool noodle.
2. Using the pool noodle they are to pretend they are riding a Donkey.
3. Have them follow the leader around the outside area.
4. Use the bridge and balancing beams to make it challenging.



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STEPS

1. Have children form pairs of Player A and Player B.
2. The leader will call out one of three physical poses, either Knight, Mount or Cavalier, which are as follows:

Knight: Player A gets down on one knee. Player B puts one foot on Player A's knee and one hand in the air, as if holding a sword high.

Mount: Player B gets on all fours, pretending to be a horse; Player A mounts Player B like a rider.

Cavalier: Player A extends his/her arms; Player B jumps into Player A's arms like a damsel in distress.
3. Children must hold and support each pose until the leader calls a new one.
4. The leader gets faster and faster. This can be played as an elimination game, where the teams that give the incorrect pose are out.



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Jesus is the one and only true King. This claim is bold and yet exciting - the Messiah that God had promised.

GAME: Knights, Mounts, Cavaliers

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A