

Sunday School at-home Lesson

April 5, Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday, so our story is about Jesus and his friends processing into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday so long ago.



Here is a great video of the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

Prompting questions for the story

- In this story, Jesus rides into the city on a donkey instead of a fancy horse. This is to show that he is very humble, which means he does not think he is more important than anyone else. Do you have some people in your life who are very humble?
- Jesus's friends are always so happy to be with him. Do you have a friend you always feel happy to be with?
- In this story, the people are so happy that they get to see Jesus. They can't believe how lucky they are! How would people feel today if Jesus came to their town?

Fun Baking Project: Hot Cross Buns



Traditionally made on Good Friday as a pre-Easter treat, these lightly sweetened spiced buns are a welcome seasonal treat! Here is a delicious recipe from parishioner and professional chef Mary Jo McMillin, who is also the grandma of True Vine student Will James! These buns are fun and easy to bake and decorate. Note: If you don't have currants or raisins on hand, the buns are just as good without them and some children might prefer them without anyway.

<https://mjculsine.wordpress.com/2011/04/>

There is an old nursery rhyme that goes with these buns: "Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns! If ye have no daughters, give them to your sons. One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns!" There is also a tune that goes with this rhyme. Maybe you've even played it on an instrument!

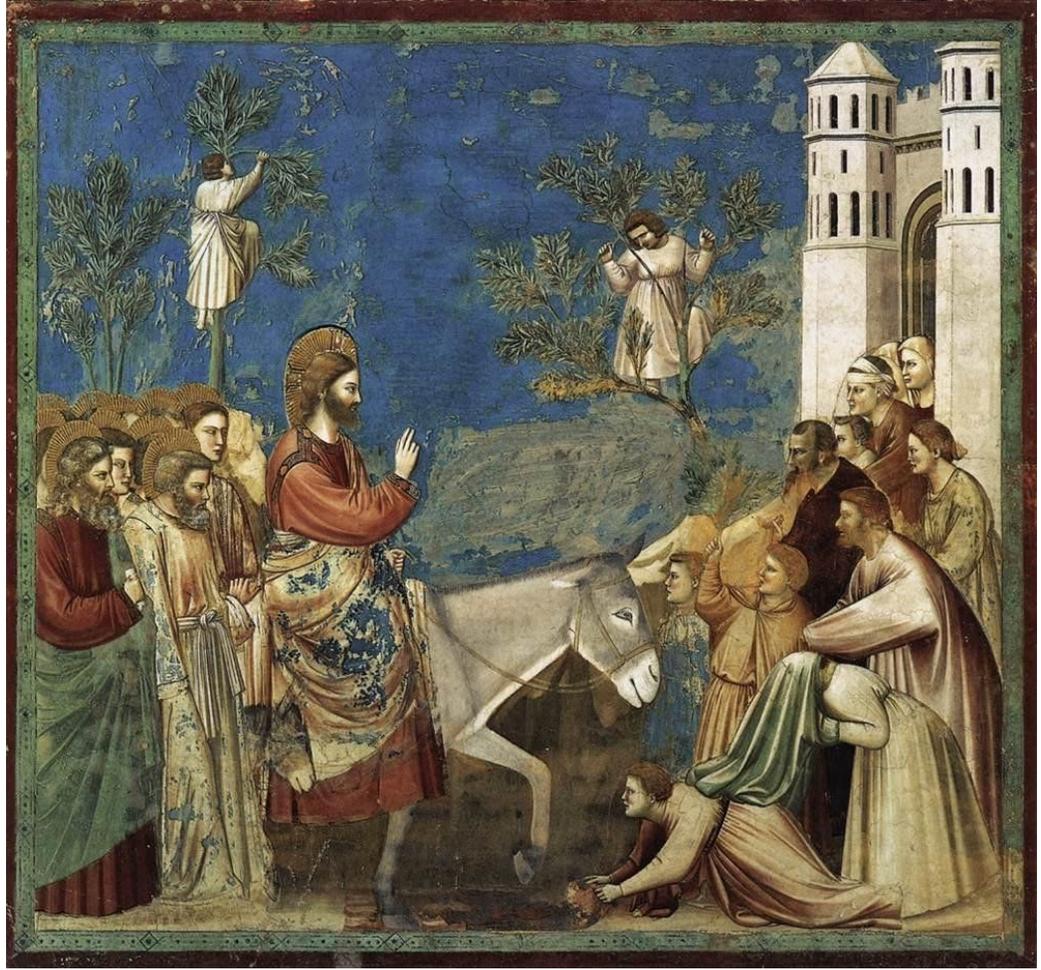
Word Games

As you may have noticed in the video, the name of the Palm Sunday story is "The Triumphal Entry." How many words can you make from the word **Triumphal**?

When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the people shouted "Hosanna!" which is an exclamation of adoration and praise. How many words can you make from the word **Hosanna**?

The Story in Art

On the next pages are three paintings of the story. Which one do you like best? Why? Which one tells the story in the best way? Can you imagine yourself in any of these scenes?



Giotto di Bondone, Italian, early 1300's.



Benjamin Haydon, British, early 1800's.



Siegfried Detler Bendixen, German, mid-1800's.

Check out the attachments on the next pages

- Word search and crossword puzzle
- Hidden words
- Coloring page
- The Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 21)

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)

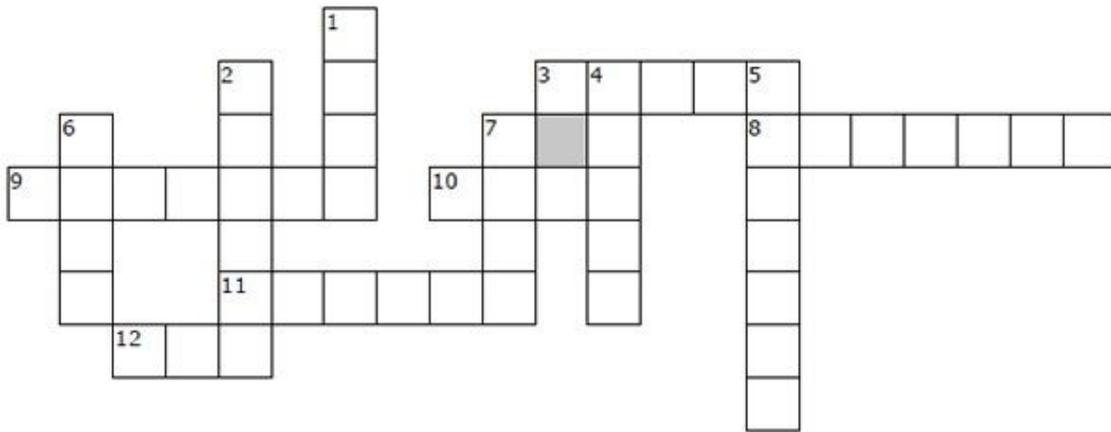


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BLESSED	MIRACLES	HIGHEST	HEAVEN	CROWD
SPREAD	GLORY	PRAISE	VILLAGE	PEOPLE
DISCIPLES	CLOAKS	VOICES	LORD	PEACE
NAME	ROAD	JESUS	HILL	COLT

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ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

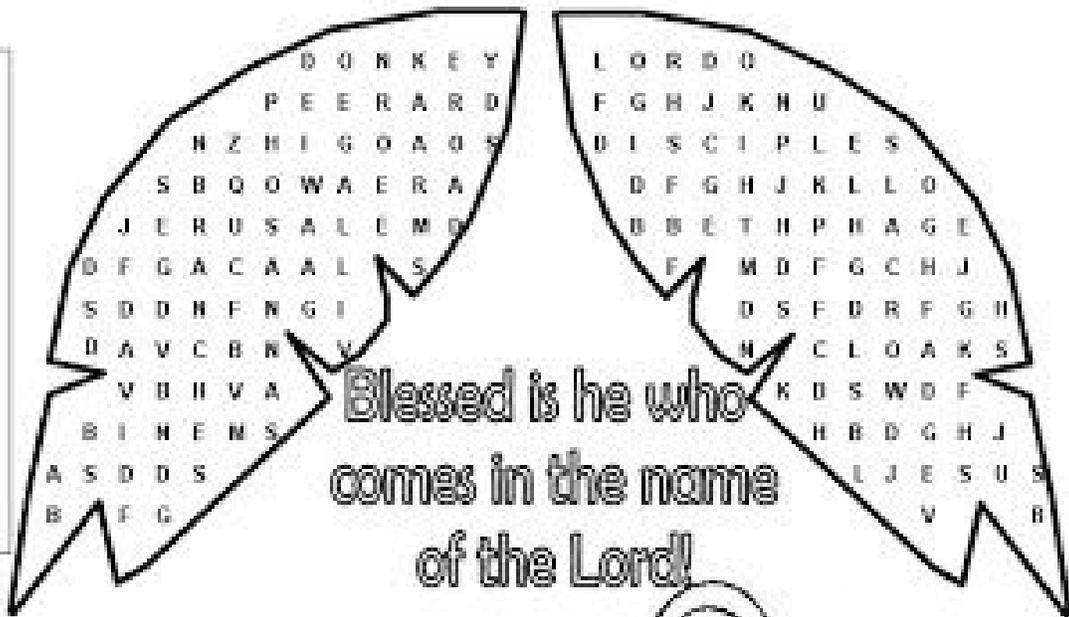
DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING

Matthew 21:1-11

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Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the Lord!



Find the
hidden
words



Jerusalem
Bethphage
Jesus
Disciples
Village
Donkey
Lord
Crowd
Cloaks
Branches
Road
Hosanna
David





Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately.^[a]" ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

