

## Palm Sunday Lesson – April 5, 2020

### **\*\*The Triumphal Entry\*\***

### Begin with Prayer:

“Dear Lord, thank you for this beautiful day. Thank you for our family and our church. Thank you that we can still learn about You even when times are tough. Please meet us here. Keep us focused on Your word and what you want us to learn today.

In Jesus name – Amen

### Intro:

Every year the Jewish people celebrate Passover to remember the time God protected them from death during the tenth plague on Egypt. After that plague, the Pharaoh of Egypt freed all the Israelites from slavery. One year, as the people came to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast, they heard that their special King was also coming, so they all went out to the road to praise Him. How do you think they reacted when their King arrived?

### Read Matthew 21:1-11 (The Triumphal Entry)

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

<sup>5</sup> **Tell Daughter Zion,  
“See, your King is coming to you,  
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey.”**<sup>[a][b]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

***Hosanna* to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name**

**of the Lord!**<sup>[c]</sup>

**Hosanna** in the highest heaven!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## Discussion Questions:

1. What did Jesus say his disciples would find in the village? *(Donkey and her colt.)*
2. How did the disciples prepare the donkey for Jesus? *(They laid their cloaks or clothes on them.)*
3. What did the crowds spread on the road before Jesus? *(Some laid cloaks, others branches.)*
4. What did the people shout? Why did they do this? *(They shouted Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! because they were full of joy.)*
5. If you were among the crowds, how would you have shown your joy when you saw Jesus?
6. Why do you think Jesus was riding on a donkey? Why not a horse? *(To show humility.)*

## Summary

Jesus performed many miracles. The news about how He healed many, and His remarkable teachings spread quickly. The people believed Jesus was the Christ, the one who would rise to power and free the people from the hardships placed on them by the Romans. So they shouted praises of joy when they saw Him. Little did they know the reason Jesus came to earth was to free the people not from the Romans, but from their sins. Jesus offered the gift of everlasting life.

That gift is for everyone who hears the Word of God and welcomes Jesus into their hearts. Now that calls for shouts of praise. Hosanna! Save us Now!

Watch the short video for a visual account of the bible story:

<https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE>

**Memory Verse – Luke 18:16** ***“Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children. Luke 18:16***

Close in prayer

## Crafts & other activities

- Attached is a Palm leaf template. The kids can color as many as you want to print out. Attach the stem, let them wave them around or decorate your porch with Palm Leaves!
- For Older kids: Palm Sunday word search and maze might be fun.
- There are 2 different coloring pages for the kids as well.

Feel free to take a picture of their art work and post it on our FaceBook page or share it on GroupMe.

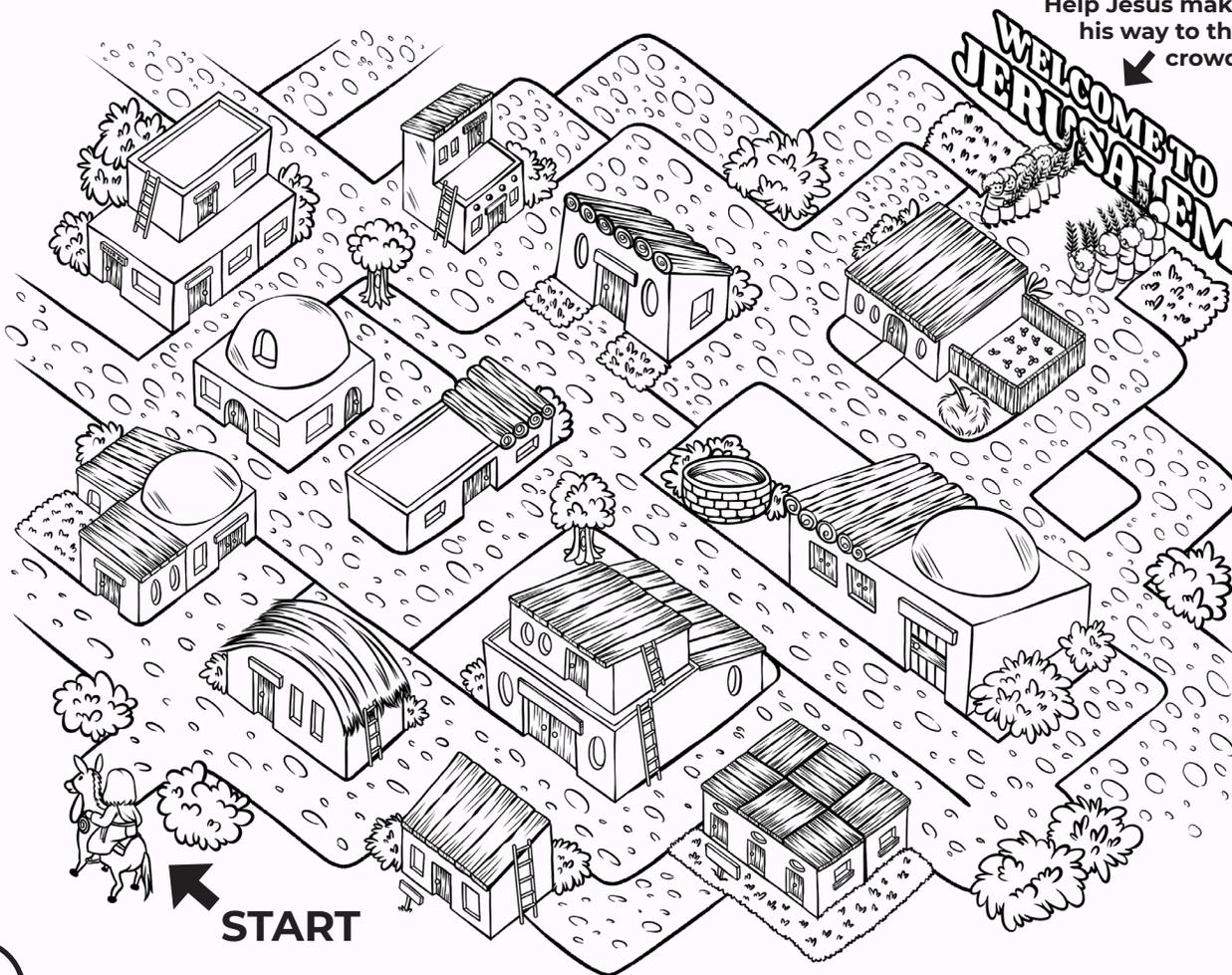
Have a Blessed and Happy Palm Sunday with your family.

Until we can meet again –

Blessings

Teacher Chrissy

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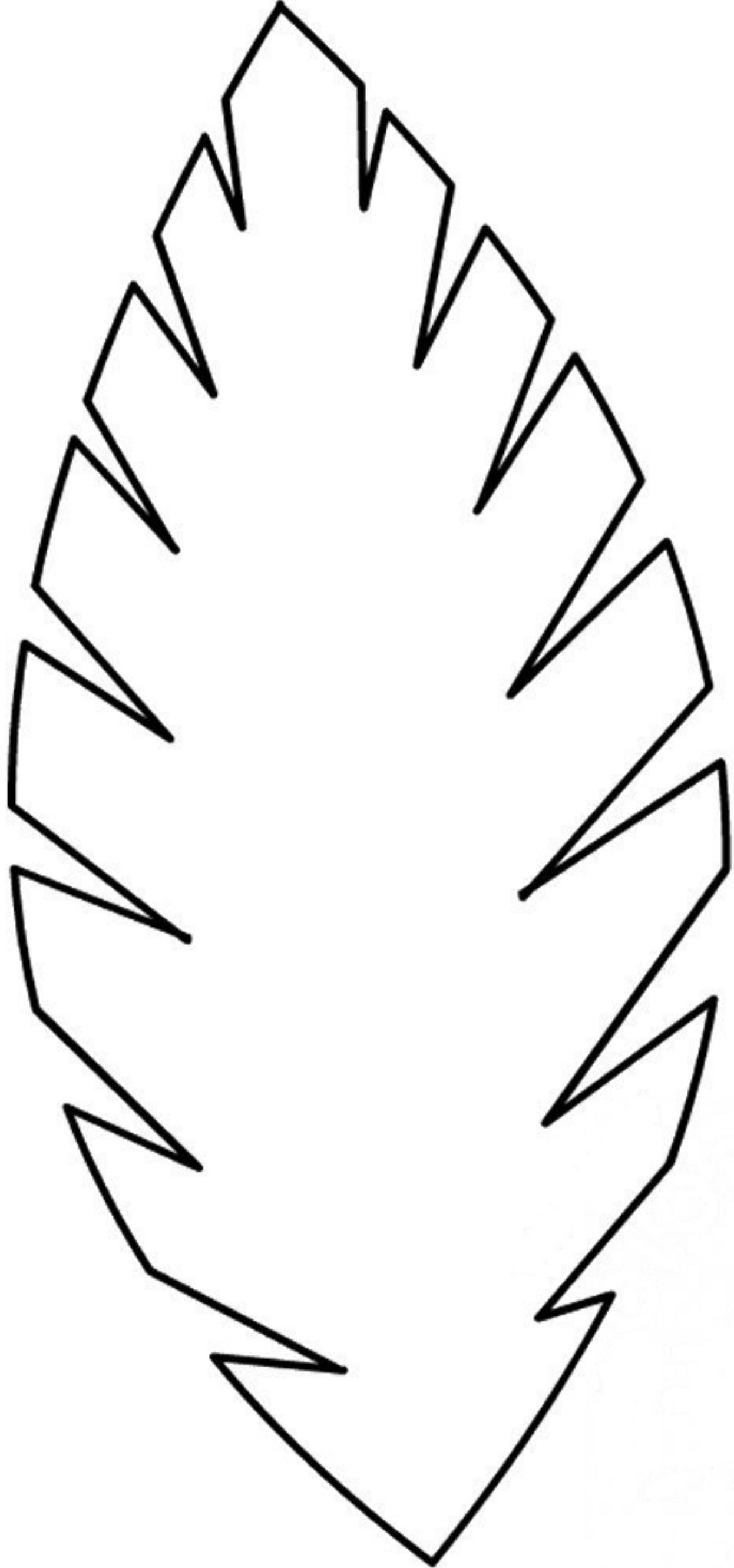
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Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people cried “Hosanna!” and waved palm branches. John 12:12-15