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Jesus



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Donkey.



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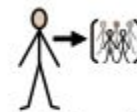
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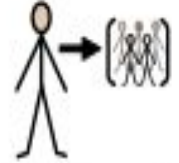
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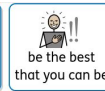
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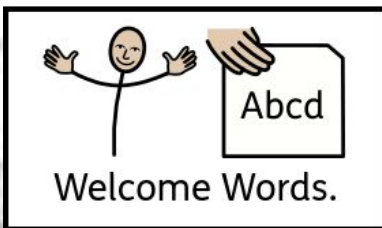


Joining in



Let's light the candle to begin our Worship today.





As God's



people



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gathered.



Let



us



Worship



him



together.

The True King

Jesus and his followers went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus told two of his followers to bring him a donkey and told them where to find it. This was to fulfil the words of the prophet Zechariah who many years before had said, "Tell the people of Jerusalem their king is coming. He is gentle and riding on a donkey."

The followers did as Jesus asked. They found and brought the animal to Jesus. They laid their cloaks on its back, Jesus sat on them and rode on the donkey.



As Jesus rode the donkey towards Jerusalem, people cut branches from the palm trees and placed them and their cloaks on the ground in front of him.

They shouted, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!”



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large and excited crowd welcomed him and waved palm leaves. They shouted “Hosanna!” because they were so pleased to see him and believed his message. Jesus went to the temple where he healed the blind and lame people.

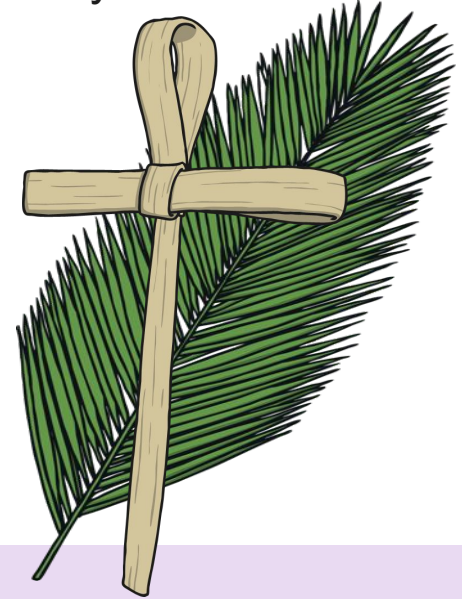


The leaders in Jerusalem did not like Jesus. They saw how many people were following him and they were angry and jealous.



Jesus understood that this was part of God's plan and it would be his last trip into Jerusalem.

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Why is Palm Sunday important to people who follow the Christian faith?

- Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week for Christians. This is the week leading up to Easter, Jesus' last week on Earth.
- People laid down palms in front of him as a sign that they believed his message and that he should be treated like a king.
- In churches on Palm Sunday, people are traditionally given a cross made from a single palm leaf.





let us pray.

Lord Jesus,

You rode into Jerusalem

Not as a conquering king, but as the Prince of Peace.

Not on a white stallion but on a young colt
not in triumph but in gentle humility.

Teach us to follow your example,
to be true to what we know to be right
whether people praise and flatter us,
or criticise and blame us.

In your name we pray

Amen



Let us sing.

A photograph of a weathered wooden cross standing against a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and a bright light source breaking through. A wreath of red and orange flowers is placed on top of the cross. The text is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

**Easter jubilation
Fills the streets and towns.
Celebrations have begun.
Hear the music
And the dancing now.
Join the laughter and the fun!**



Closing Words.



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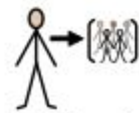
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