

## All Age Address

Year: A

Week: Palm Sunday

Passage: Matthew 21:1-11

### Materials Required

A green paper napkin or similar for each member of the congregation

A tunic/cloak for Jesus

A donkey hood

If you would like a different way to retell/share the bible story this following clip from YouTube is excellent. It contextualises the passage explaining briefly the Passover and the significance of Jesus choosing to ride a donkey rather than something more grand.

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

The clip lasts for 3 minutes and 7 seconds and is suitable for all ages.

*<Before the story begins everyone should be given a green paper napkin and told that they should keep it somewhere safe for later on.>*

We heard earlier the story of Palm Sunday. This is the day when the people of Jerusalem publically celebrated Jesus' as King and God. They knew that Jesus was someone very special and they believed that he had come to save them.

People lined the sides of the road, picking palm leaves from trees because they were readily available and made excellent flags. The people cheered and threw their cloaks on the ground to make a carpet for the donkey to walk on.

They shouted and cheered as Jesus entered the city...but within the week their cheers of joy will change to shouts to kill Jesus. What a roller coaster of a week we have ahead of us, but for now let's enjoy Palm Sunday.

Early you should have all received a paper napkin. Now is the time to get your napkin out. Hold it by the centre and shake it so that it opens up. You are now going to be the crowd and we are going to sing a song together as we shake our leaves and welcome Jesus.

The tune will be familiar to many of you. The tune is 'A pizza hut, a pizza hut, Kentucky fried chicken and a pizza hut...' The words go like this, please feel free to join in when you've got it.

A cheering crowd, a cheering crowd  
With Jesus on a donkey and a cheering crowd  
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Shall we have another try and they time we can have someone to be Jesus and someone to be the donkey? They can walk around and we can be the crowd with our leaves (napkins) waving.

*<Ask for a volunteer to come forward to be Jesus, place a dress/cloak on them and someone to be the donkey and place the donkey hood on them.>*

Let's try again from the top. Leaves ready? Jesus ready? Donkey ready? Let's go!

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