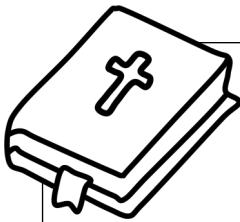




# @ Home



Today Matt is speaking on Palm Sunday. Here are some activities you could do as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like.



## BIBLE PASSAGE

Matthew 21:1-11

Read the story together—choose a Bible translation or children's story version that best suits your family.

You can also watch the story here:

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

'The Story of Easter (The Triumphal Entry)—  
Saddleback Kids

## BIG QUESTIONS

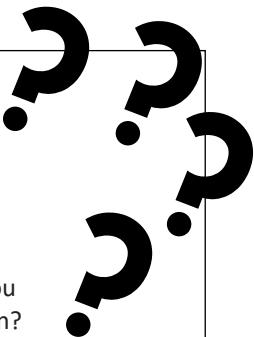
What does a king look like?

What is a king's job?

How do you think Jesus felt?

Have you ever been so excited about something you haven't known how to hold all of your excitement in? Maybe when your football team won a game, or you have been to see a band you love. Maybe you have been really excited for Christmas or a birthday. Well the Jews were excited because to them Jesus meant freedom. Jesus the King of Kings who had travelled all over Israel helping people, doing miracles, and telling them about God's love was here. The waiting was over – the promised King was finally coming into Jerusalem and the people crowded the streets to cheer his arrival.

**How do you think you would have felt if you were one of the people who had come to see Jesus?**



## PRAYER

Dear God,

You are the King of Kings and we praise you.  
Thank you that you travel with us wherever we go.

Thank you that you never leave us. And just like the disciples and people in the story, God we praise you and worship you for everything that you have done and everything that you do for us.

Amen.



## Activity

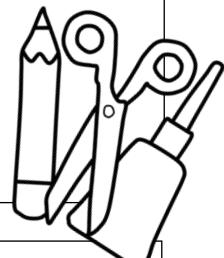
### Making a Cross

For this activity you will need:

- A long thin piece of paper
- Patience
- Sticks and string

Use the instructions on page three of the lesson plan to make a cross in the style of a traditional palm cross.

If this is too tricky you could draw, decorate and colour your own cross or tie 2 twigs together with string. Failing all of this, cut 2 pieces of paper and stick them together in the shape of a cross.



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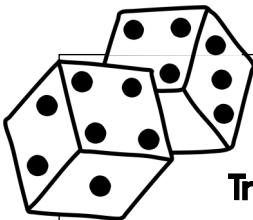


## MEMORY VERSE

**Psalm 118:1**

**'Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.'**

Try to learn this verse together. You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together, and then put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week. You could write each word on a separate peace of paper (use scrap paper or old envelopes) mix them all up then try and put them in to correct order.



### GAME

#### Tricky Travelling

##### For this game you will need:

- A game zone (as big or small as you would like; it can be in one room, multiple rooms, the garden, or the whole house if you'd like!)
- A counting clock
- Some funky furniture and obvious objects
- The speed and agility of a gazelle

##### Aim:

To get from one end of an obstacle course, to the other, as fast as you can

##### How to play:

Using things that you find around your house, set up an obstacle course, making it as long or as short as you would like

Each person needs to take it in turns to race through the course – the person who does it the fastest, wins

##### Extra-time challenge:

Finding this game a little bit too easy and fancy making more tricky? What's that, you're up for more of a challenge? Ok then, get yourselves into pairs. Use a scarf or jumper to blindfold one of the people in the pair and then the person who can see, needs to guide the other around the course as fast and as safely as they can.

Ready, Set, Go!



### SNAPSHOT

Take a photo of your family's best 'Palm Sunday Scene' and send it into us. Let us know if you are happy for us to share it.

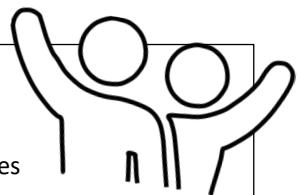
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### FAMILY WORSHIP

Carry The Light—John Murphy & Abi Hedges

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOE4bMaM2AU>

Worship together as a family, this could be doing the actions together (if you don't know the ones we do you could make new ones up as a family, or ask the children to teach you our actions) or listen to the song and chat about what it means to you, dance around the room together, sing loudly, sing softly.



### LINK THE STORY

But why a donkey?

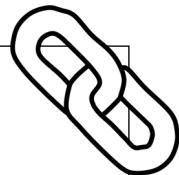
Jesus the King of Kings rode into Jerusalem on a Donkey. Lets link the story. Did you know that in the Old testament long before Jesus was born God said that the King of Israel (Jesus) would ride on a donkey?

Zechariah (O.T. Prophet) - Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

And in Mathew 21:5 it says: Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

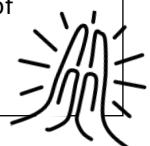
Jesus arrived in Jerusalem in a way which wasn't expected of a king. A king would have arrived with a big army, on horse and chariot, not riding on a donkey! Jesus rode in on a donkey to show peace.

The crowds laid down their coats for the donkey to walk over (a bit like a red carpet), what will we lay down for Jesus today?

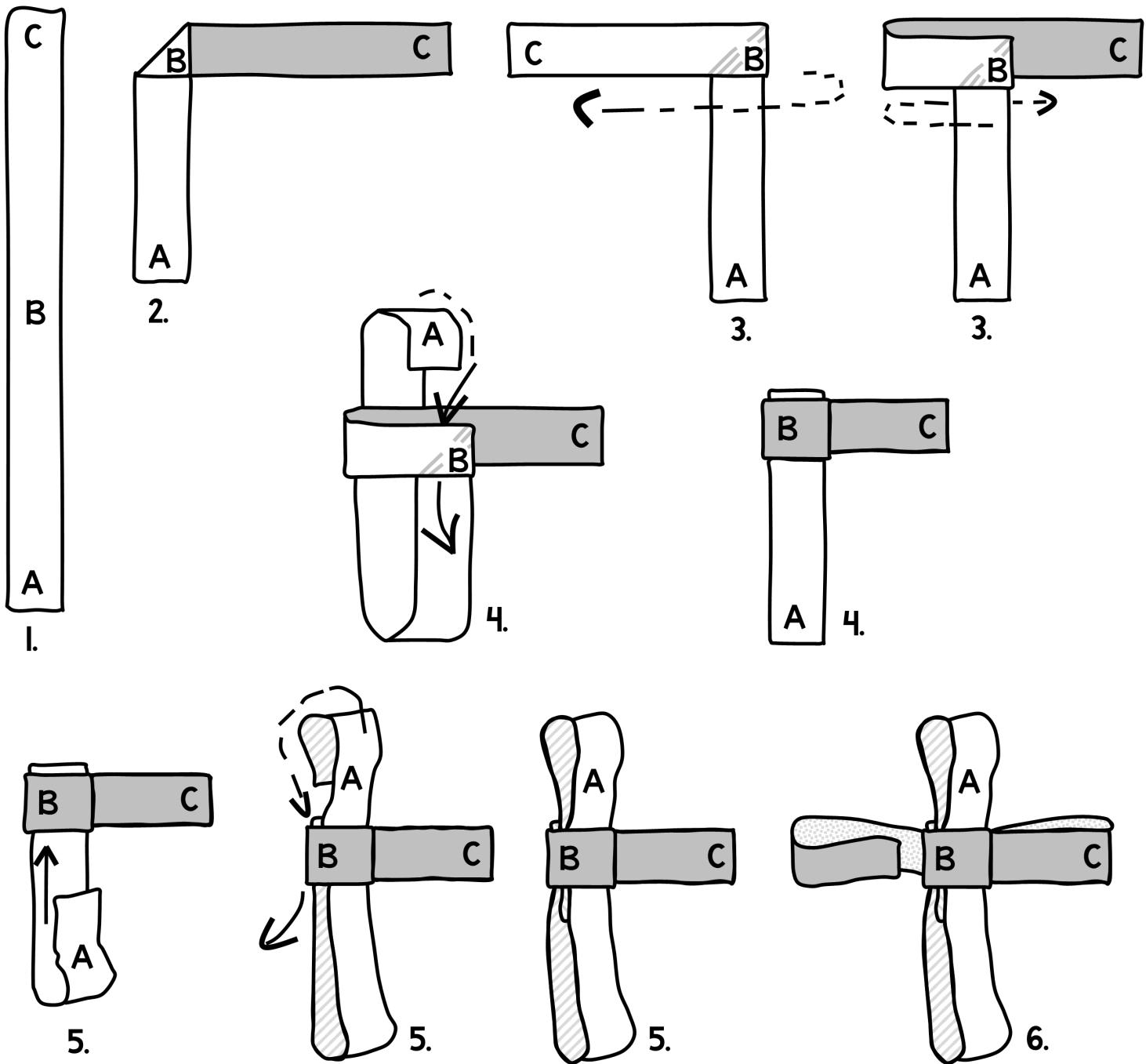


### CREATIVE PRAYER

On the way into the City of Jerusalem people laid down their coats and praised Jesus. Try and find time today to make a 'Praise Jar'. You could write things you are thankful for on little slips of paper and put them in a Jar. Then you can just keep adding!



# HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



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