

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

**Palm Sunday
(Matthew 21: 1-3)**

YOU WILL NEED:

- Length of purple felt to use as a road.
- 3-D Figure of Jesus, and for people on road side (10), donkey
- a temple – simple wooden or cardboard cut out.
- Branches to lay down – cut outs or real
- Bible
- A basket to place items in.

Children are seated in a semi-circle ready to listen to the story. When the children are settled, go to the shelf and bring the materials.

Watch carefully as I collect the material for our story.

Place these beside you.

Place class Bible in front of you with your hand on it.

This story comes from our special book, which we call the Bible.

Place Bible beside you. Roll out the purple ribbon in front of you and place the temple at the one end.

I wonder what this could be?

Purple is the colour for getting ready.

Lent is a time for getting ready.

Place Jesus on the road. And point to him.

At this time in the Church's year we remember and tell the stories of some of the things which Jesus said and did. This story is about when Jesus came into Jerusalem after spending forty days praying in the desert.

Place the donkey on the road. And point to the donkey

Jesus sent his disciples to bring a donkey to him.

Move Jesus a third of the way up the road. Place people along either side of the road.

The people gathered along the roadside and began to call out "Hosanna, Hosanna"

Place branches along the road in front of Jesus.

They lay branches for him to walk on.

Walk Jesus slowly over the road and branches.

The people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus calling out "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Move Jesus to the end of the road.

As he entered the city some of the people were asking ‘Who is this?’

Pause quietly for a moment, and then begin to wonder together.

I wonder...if you have ever had to entered a new place by yourself...what it felt like for Jesus to enter Jerusalem?...what you would have done if you were in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?...who the people thought Jesus was?...what happen next?... where the disciples were?

Carefully pack story materials into storage basket and put on shelf. Ensure that children are watching so they know how to pack the materials away and where to find them.