

Sunday Club Online 28/3/21

- Palm Sunday -

Hello Sunday-clubbers,

I hope you have had a great week!

Today is Palm Sunday which remembers the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem all those years ago. He was coming to the end of his time teaching on earth and he only stayed in Jerusalem for a few days before he was arrested and put to death.

Christians today always remember this time when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem (known as Palm Sunday) on the Sunday before Easter Sunday each year. I wonder if you know why we call this day Palm Sunday? Well, the crowds of people who were waiting for Jesus were so excited to see him that they waved palm branches and put down their coats on the ground to welcome him. If Jesus arrived in our city today, I don't think we'd wave palm branches or put down our coats but this was how people welcomed kings in those days. Today I think we might wave flags and maybe blow whistles!

The story of Palm Sunday is told in the book of Matthew chapter 21 verses 1-9 and if you'd like to watch a cartoon about the story, you can do so here:

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

Many people in the crowd realised that Jesus was very special. Some thought of him as a King and they hoped he might lead them in a fight to get rid of the Romans, who were controlling them at the time. They didn't realise that Jesus wasn't this sort of a King! He was a gentle, caring, servant King, who had come to save people in a different way.

I thought we could make a handprint palm branch this week! And as we do so we can think about how you might have felt about Jesus arriving in Jerusalem and how you feel about knowing him now. I hope you enjoy making it!



Have a lovely week everyone.
Take care and with love,
Katie x

My handprint palm branch

You will need the following things:

- A4 green paper / card
- Felt tip pens
- lollypop stick or real stick
- Glue

Instructions:

- 1) Draw around your hand on pieces of green card (you can use 2 colours if you'd like). If you don't have green card, you can use white card and colour it in green.
- 2) Cut out your hand shapes.
- 3) Stick them on your lollipop stick or onto your real stick, so they fan out to look like a branch. TIP: Start sticking your hand shapes from the top of your stick downwards.
- 4) Once you have finished sticking your hand shapes on you can draw on them all the things you might have shouted if you were there in the crowd seeing Jesus arrive. Maybe you would shout things like 'Hooray, Hosanna, It's Jesus, He's come...'
- 5) Keep your palm branch to remind you that Jesus came to save you!