

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is celebrated the week before Easter to remember the day that Jesus entered into Jerusalem.

As you read this story, look out for the way the people greet Jesus and welcome him into the city.

Jesus travelled toward Jerusalem with his special friends called disciples. He sent two of them ahead of him to the village of Bethany to fetch a donkey for him. The disciples went and did as he told them.

The disciples put their cloaks over the donkey and Jesus rode it towards the city. A large crowd of people were gathered there to greet him. They took off their cloaks and laid them on the road. Others cut off branches from the palm trees nearby and spread them along the road.

Jesus rode along the cloaks and palms as the people sang:

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

The people were amazed as they watched him ride along the road.

"Who is this?" some of them asked.

Others explained, "This is Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Now draw a picture of the first Palm Sunday.

Remember to include Jesus on a donkey and all the people waving palm branches because they were so excited to see him. Perhaps you could draw some palm trees too. Don't forget to draw Jesus' special friends called disciples.