

Church at Home Pack – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Join us online for our 10:30am service on Sunday

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives*

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

*Acts 4:13*

## **GATHER TOGETHER**

### ***A prayer to start –***

Jesus, we welcome you into the midst of us today.

May our voices join together

to give you all our praise.

May we honour you, King of kings

in all we do and say.

**Amen.**



### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

### **Matthew 21: 1-11**



#### **International Children's Bible (ICB)**

**21** Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. But first they stopped at Bethphage at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his followers into the town. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a donkey tied there with its colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, tell him, 'The Master needs them. He will send them back soon.'" <sup>4</sup> This was to make clear the full meaning of what the prophet said:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the people of Jerusalem,  
'Your king is coming to you.

He is gentle and riding on a donkey.

He is on the colt of a donkey.'" **Isaiah 62:11; Zechariah 9:9**

<sup>6</sup> The followers went and did what Jesus told them to do. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus. They laid their coats on the donkeys, and Jesus sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their coats on the road before Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. All the people were shouting, "Praise to the Son of David!

God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! **Psalms 118:26**  
Praise to God in heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. The city was filled with excitement. The people asked, "Who is this man?"

<sup>11</sup> The crowd answered, "This man is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee."

#### **New International Version (NIV)**

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "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.'" **Zechariah 9:9**

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Mini Bible story with actions

### *Riding on a donkey*

Jesus and his disciples were walking to Jerusalem. (*Walk*)

Jesus sent two disciples on ahead (*Point*)

to bring him a donkey. (*Make donkey noise*)

Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. (*Pretend to ride.*)

People spread their cloaks

and put branches on the road.

They shouted praises to God, (*Wave arms*)

and called out blessings to Jesus. (*Touch top of head*)

## WATCH TOGETHER

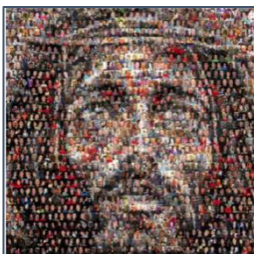


***The Story of Easter (The Triumphal Entry)*** – Saddleback Kids -

<https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE>



***The Donkey and the King*** – LifeKids - <https://youtu.be/FGU6lh28dfA>



**Who do you say I am?** – Hope Together - <https://vimeo.com/255718924>

## STUDY TOGETHER

- Read Matthew 21:1-11 and Luke 19:37-40

Think about the different people mentioned in the passage. How do you think they would have answered the question about Jesus, “Who is this?”

*The crowd use a phrase from Psalm 118:26. Psalms 113-118 are known as the ‘Hallel Psalms’ (several of them start or finish with the Hebrew phrase “Hallelu Yah” – Praise the Lord). They were songs of praise used in Jewish festivals, and particularly during the celebration of Passover.*

- Read Psalm 118:15-29 and see if you can find any other things that might link to Jesus (*You might like to read 1 Peter 2:4-10 if you get stuck*)  
What do these references tell us about who Jesus is?

## TALK TOGETHER

- What would you say in answer to the question in our Bible Reading – ‘Who is this?’
- What could you share from the recent story of your life to help show others what Jesus means to you?

## MAKE TOGETHER



### ***Palm Sunday Story Sack***

Find a bag or box. You can use a box from your recycling and decorate it.

Include these items and use them to retell the story:

- A picture of a donkey – You could draw or print one
- A piece of material to represent a cloak
- A large leaf. You could find one from outside or make one (see below)
- Jesus – a person shape made from a pipe cleaner or from card
- ‘Hosanna!’ – a banner with the word ‘Hosanna!’ written on it

### ***Make a Palm Leaf***

Fold a sheet of paper in half and cut out a leaf shape. (If you don't have green paper, colour it in before you do the next part) Whilst it is still folded cut triangles into the open edge. When you open it out you will have a palm leaf shape. You can attach a straw or lolly stick to the back so that you can hold it and wave it.



## PLAY TOGETHER

### ***Who is this?***

Take it in turns to describe someone everyone in your family knows (it could be a member of your family or a friend or someone famous). You can't say their name or use their initials, and if they're in your family you can't say how they're related to you. You just have to describe what they're like (e.g. this person is kind and helpful; this person takes care of me; this person makes me laugh, this person is good at making cakes etc.) and see if people can guess who you're thinking of.

OR



### **Who am I?**

Everyone should write the name of a famous person or TV character on a sticky note and stick it to someone else's forehead (without them seeing who the person is). Everyone then has to try and work out how they are by asking questions which can only be answered "Yes" or "No".

## **SING TOGETHER**

**Jesus Song** – Saddleback Kids - <https://youtu.be/Rn84AYtFUSM>

**Shout Hosanna** – Kristian Stanfill (Lifepoint Kids Worship) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xEnZFITm6M>

**Jesus** – Chris Tomlin - <https://youtu.be/cEbQswNB6Wc>

**Who you are to me** – Chris Tomlin ft. Lady A - <https://youtu.be/wms76AflIVE>

## **REFLECT TOGETHER**

**Think about who Jesus is to you as you read and reflect on these words:**

Who are you?

**Jesus:** I've already told you.

Who are you?

**Jesus:** I have already shown you.

Who are you?

**Jesus:** You won't believe me.

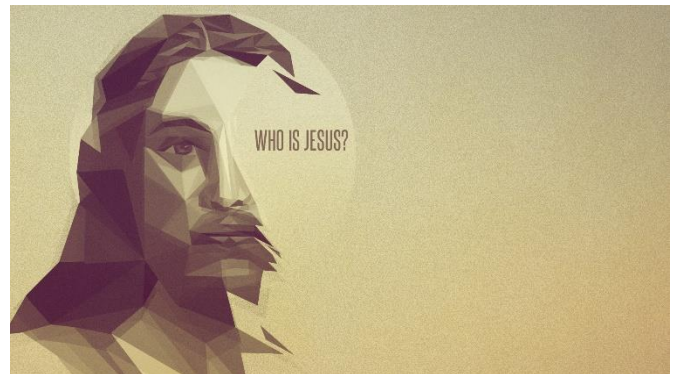
Who are you?

**Jesus:** Those who listen to me know who I am.

Who are you?

**Jesus:** My true followers know who I am.

Who are you?



## **PRAY TOGETHER**

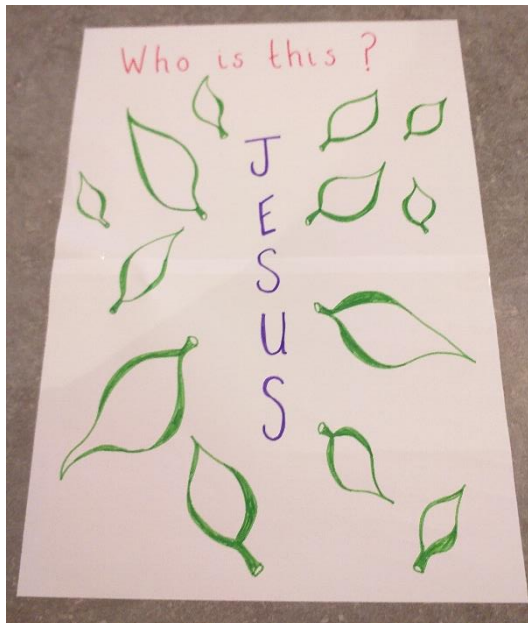
The people were excited  
to see Jesus coming into Jerusalem.  
Lord, we are excited to see  
what you will do in our lives this week.

Go with us now.

**Amen.**

Jesus, our King,  
we offer you the praise of our hands,  
*(wave hands)*  
we offer you the praise of our voices,  
*(shout 'Hosanna!')*  
we offer you the praise of our feet,  
*(stamp feet)*  
we offer you the praise of  
our minds and our hearts.  
*(place hands on hearts)*  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Amen.**

## DO TOGETHER



### Who is this?

At the top of a large sheet of paper write the question asked about Jesus, 'Who is this?'

Down the middle of the paper write JESUS. Draw leaf shapes all round his name. This week, as we approach Easter, you might like to leave the paper out on a table or stick it up on a wall and as you think about who Jesus is write your answers to the question in the leaves.

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