

CHRIST CHURCH
BECKENHAM
KIDS

5th April | Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday! We celebrate Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem at the start of what we call Holy Week. Holy Week ends with Good Friday when we remember Jesus was killed on a cross.

Newspaper Game

1. Find a newspaper and scrunch up part of a page into a small ball.
2. Use the other pages to flap in front of the ball....
3. Can you get the ball to move using the airflow?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

You can make this into a family race!
In the hall, along the kitchen, in the garden.

EXPERIMENT

Is it best big or small, tightly scrunched or loosely?
Is the flapping paper best rolled up or left flat?

Family Activity

Chat through these questions as a family...

Who is your favourite celebrity?
Are they the most important person you can think of?
If not, who do you think the most important person in the world is?

What would it be like if they came round to your house?

Make A Palm Leaf

In today's story it would be great if you had a palm leaf.

At the end of this resource there is a colouring page for you to do and cut out OR if you can't print this resource or fancy a challenge...

Have a look around your house for things that you could make into a palm leaf. Maybe some green things?

Have a look at Karen's (one of our CCB:Kids Team's) palm leaf:



You can use the palm leaf you made or coloured in to wave and lay down in the story.

Palm Sunday | John 12:12-18 (NCV)

The next day a great crowd who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast heard that Jesus was coming there. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus, shouting,

"Praise God! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
God bless the King of Israel!" (Psalm 118:25-26)

Jesus found a colt and sat on it. This was as the Scripture says,

"Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem!
Your king is coming, sitting on the colt of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)

The followers of Jesus did not understand this at first. But after Jesus was raised to glory, they remembered that this had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

There had been many people with Jesus when he raised Lazarus from the dead and told him to come out of the tomb. Now they were telling others about what Jesus did. Many people went out to meet Jesus, because they had heard about this miracle.

- Did you notice that people were shouting words from a Psalm? Why do you think they did that?
- Why were people so happy to see Jesus?
- Why does it matter that Jesus arrived on a donkey?

A King Like No Other...

I wonder if you found it weird that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey?

All the Jewish people in Jerusalem were waiting for their promised King to arrive. To arrive and to save them. The story of Palm Sunday is also in the Gospel of Matthew (see Matthew 21:1-11.) In that version the writer tells us that everyone was also shouting the word "hosanna" which means "save us!"

I wonder what they thought about King Jesus arriving on a donkey?

- Have you ever done or bought something that didn't live up to the expectations you had?
- How would you expect a future King to arrive in the capital city?

Zechariah (an Old Testament Prophet) told people not to be afraid or worried about their future King arriving on a donkey several hundred years before Jesus was even born! In Jesus life he would also fulfil many many many other prophesies from other prophets in the Bible.

When you think about it, a lot of things Jesus said and did didn't match up to what people thought a King should do, say or be like.

- What does it mean to call Jesus King?

Next time we are going to look at the Easter story to see how Jesus being King means giving up his life for others. Take a look at these verses to see how King Jesus does things...

Matthew 5:38-39 / Turn the other cheek

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too.

Jesus doesn't rule in a violent way.

Matthew 20:16 / Who is first?

And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."

In God's Kingdom the "normal" is turned upside down.

Prayer Activity

If you made a cross last week why don't you go grab it so you can hold it while you pray.

If you didn't make one last week, the instructions are at the end of this resource too!

Say this prayer together:

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus being our King and everyone's saviour. Help us to live like Jesus and to live in the way you want us to in your Kingdom.

Be with everyone who is worried and scared at the moment. Help them to know you and your peace.

Amen.

Worship

It's so good to praise God with songs and actions. Why not end this resource with some worship music. Here's a few ideas:

[HOSANNA](#) by Hillsong

[OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD](#)

Coat Making

In the story people threw down their leaves and their coats as Jesus entered the city.

Use this space to design a lovely coat...

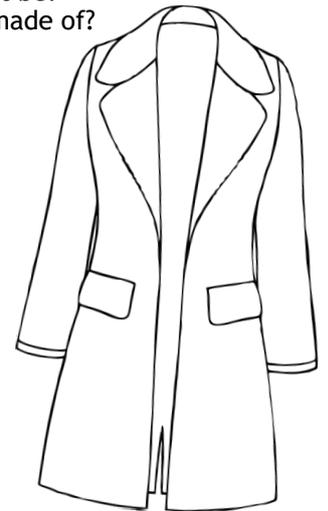
What would it look like?

What colour would your coat be?

What material would it be made of?

Would it be waterproof?

Where would you wear it?



We're All Going On A Bear Hunt (Looking for Jesus version!)

As you read this with your family encourage everyone to repeat each sentence after you apart for the last verse, where you do it as fast as you can. You could decide together before you start what actions you want to do for each of the verses. This might even be fun outside!

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
We want to see God's son.
What a beautiful day.
We're not scared
Uh-oh! Dusty path.
We can't go over it.
We can't go round it
Oh No! We've got to go along it.
*Stumble trip, stumble trip,
stumble trip, stumble trip*

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
We want to see God's son.
What a beautiful day.
We're not scared.
Uh-oh! Donkey poo.
We can't go over it.
We can't go round it.
Oh No! We've got to go through it.
*Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!
Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!*

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
We want to see God's son.
What a beautiful day.
We're not scared.
Uh-oh! Big crowd
We can't go over it.
We can't go round it.
Oh No! We've got to go through it.
*Excuse me Sir, excuse me Mam!
Excuse me Sir, excuse me Mam!*

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
We want to see God's son.
What a beautiful day.

We're not scared.
Uh-oh! Palm branches.
We can't go over them.
We can't go round them
Oh No! We've got to go through them
*Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!
Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!*

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
We want to see God's son.
What a beautiful day.
We're not scared.
Uh-oh! Jesus has gone on his way,

He's heading to Jerusalem,
there's no more to see,
It's getting late,
we have to head home for tea

Quick!

Back through the palm branches
*Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!
Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!*
Back through the big crowd
*Excuse me Sir, excuse me Mam!
Excuse me Sir, excuse me Mam!*
Back through the donkey poo
*Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!
Squelch squerch!*

Back along the dusty path
*Stumble trip, stumble trip,
stumble trip*

Back home from our Jesus hunt.
We saw the people praise God's son.
I wonder what will happen next...

Colouring in

In the Bible they used palm leaves to celebrate Jesus arriving in Jerusalem.

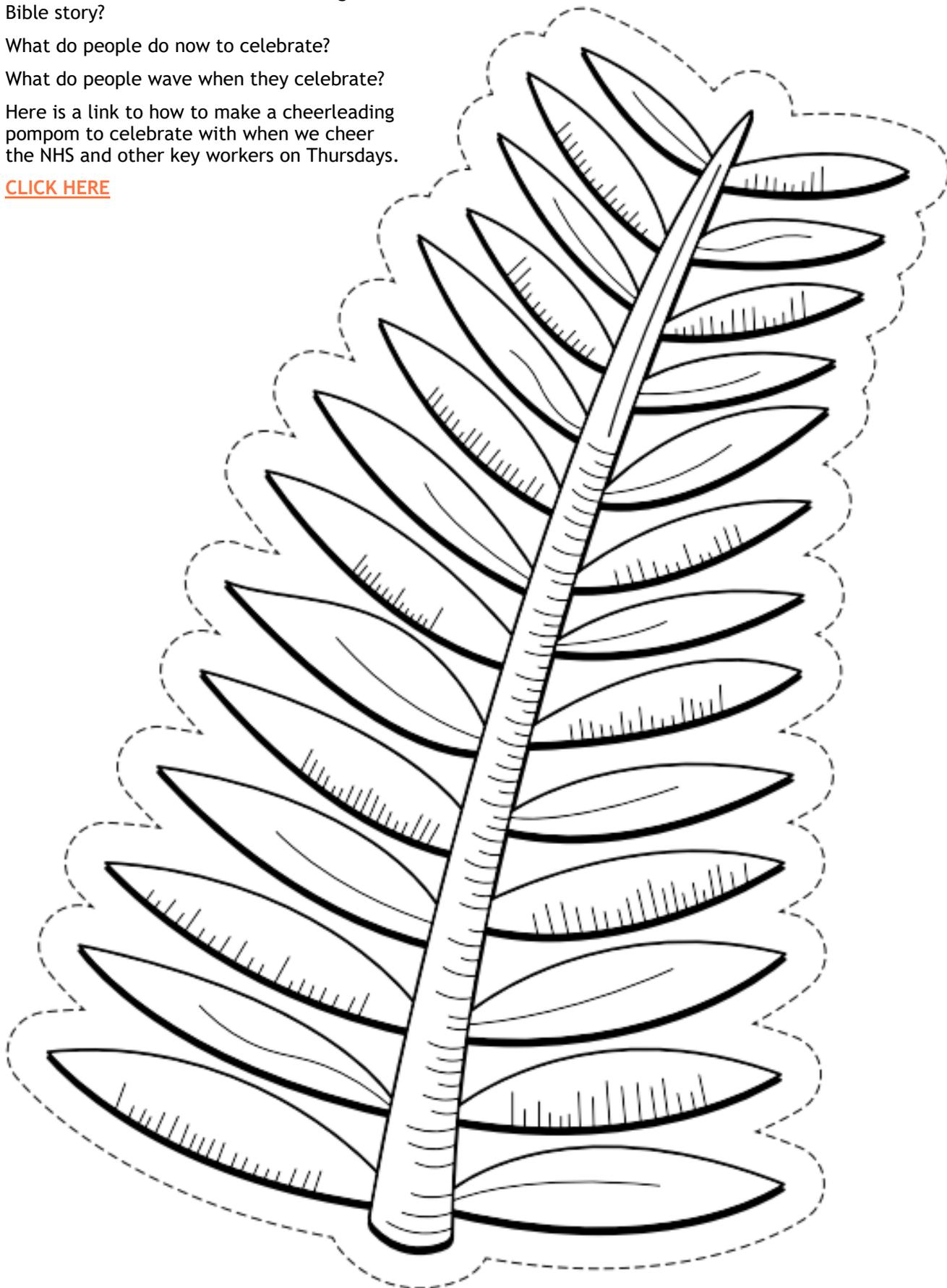
Here is a palm leaf for you to colour in. Why not cut it out and use it to wave during the Bible story?

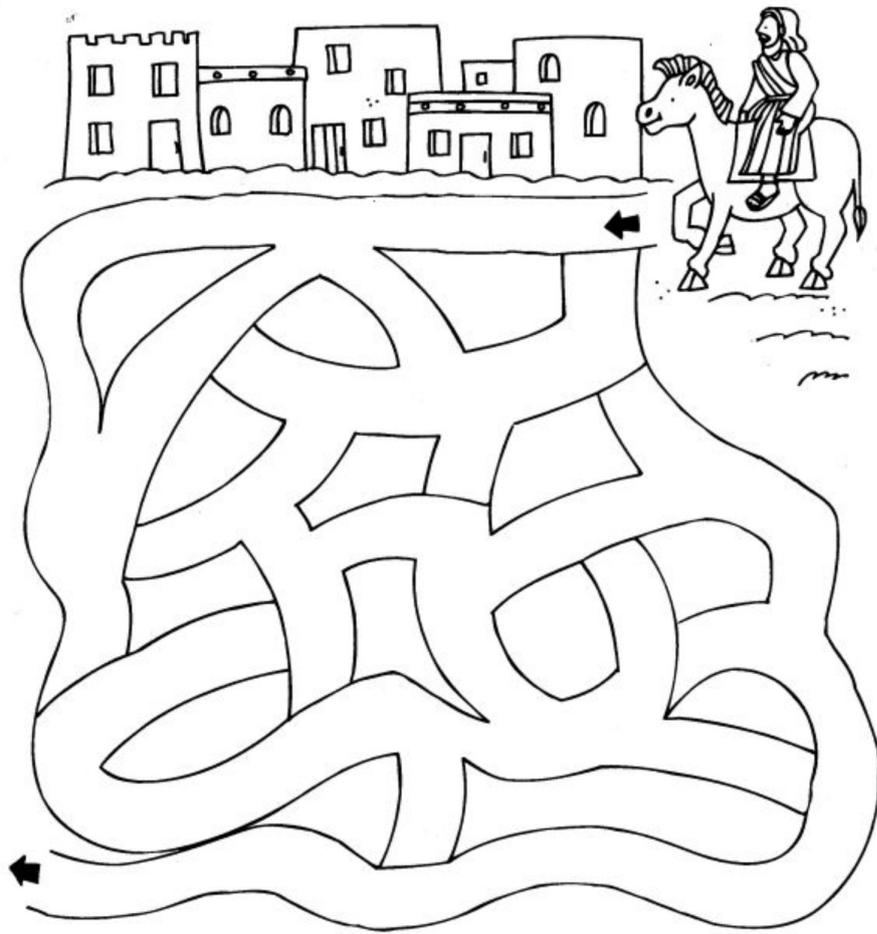
What do people do now to celebrate?

What do people wave when they celebrate?

Here is a link to how to make a cheerleading pompom to celebrate with when we cheer the NHS and other key workers on Thursdays.

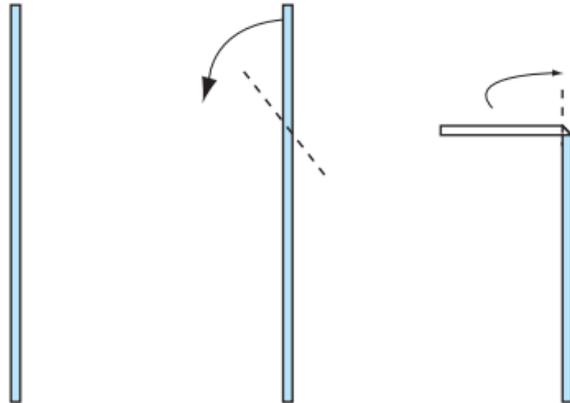
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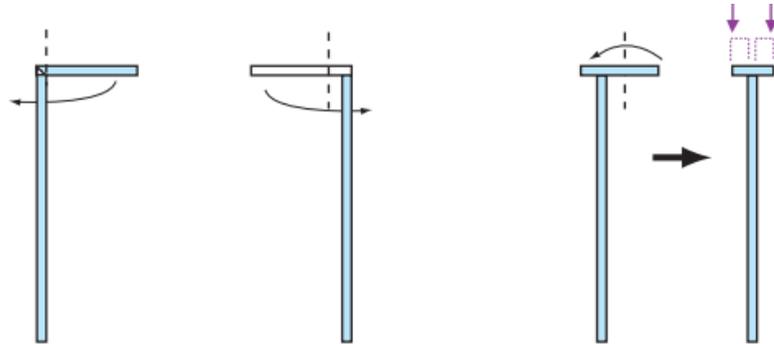


Palm Cross

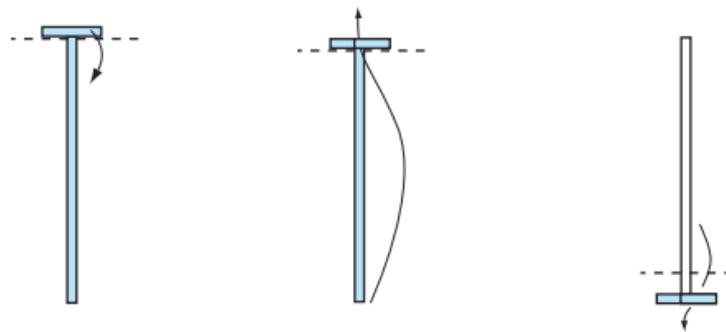
April 5th is Palm Sunday.
 Here's how to make your own Palm Cross out of a strip of paper
 from www.origami-fun.com



Begin with a strip of paper approx. 0.7 cm X 30 cm, coloured side up. 1. Fold one third down the strip. 2. Fold end around back.



3. Fold around front. 4. Fold the end in front. 5. Fold section around the back, past the centre and tuck back into centre of model. Make sure the 2 sections indicated are of equal size.



6. Fold whole section down. 7. Pull bottom of paper through and up centre section of cross. 8. Fold down along crease shown, and thread through centre again.



9. Fold up behind cross and tuck the end underneath the centre square. Turn over. Finished cross