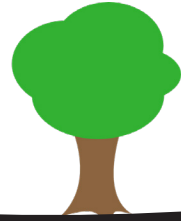


Easter 1: Jesus Rides on a Donkey



Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Memory Verse: Psalm 118:26a

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

Tune: *Where is Thumbkin?*

Blessed is he who, comes in the name- (wave arms in the air)
of the Lord, of the Lord (point up)

Psalm one hundred, eighty, verse- twenty six- (form book with hands)
Blessed is he, blessed is he.

Song: Praise Him, Praise Him *Traditional*

Praise Him, praise Him, (hands raised)
All you little children, (point 4x across body)
God is love, God is love. (point up, cross hands at chest)
Praise Him, praise Him,
All you little children,
God is love, God is love.

Add optional verses:

Love Him...
Obey Him...
Serve Him...

Comprehension Questions:

What did Jesus ride on?
What did the people say when they saw Jesus?
What did the people lay on the ground in front of Jesus?
Hosanna means "save now." Why do you think the people were saying "Hosanna" to Jesus?

Snack Options:

Fruit Loops (colorful crowns)

Objective:

Jesus is King.

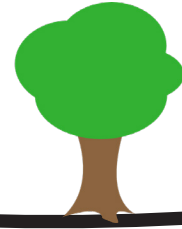
Activity and Craft
Supplies:

- Watercolors
- Salt
- Scissors
- Purchased or Hand-Made Pin the Tail on the Donkey Game
- Blindfold
- Palm Branch Printable



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Easter 1: Activities



Activity:

Pin the Tail on the Donkey: Purchase the game or draw a large donkey (without a tail). One at a time, blindfold the children and have them try to place a paper tail with tape on the donkey.

Simon Says: Play Simon Says with each child holding a green streamer. Periodically say “Hosanna to the King” and have the child wave the streamer.

Craft:

Palm Branch: Paint the Palm Branch Printable with watercolors. While the paint is still wet, sprinkle with salt. Allow the painting to dry and then brush off the salt. A pretty stained-glass look will be left! Cut out if time allows.

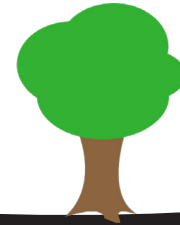
Additional Ideas:

- ABCJLM Ideas: ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/jesus-rides-on-the-donkey

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Easter 1: Bible Time



Supplies:

- Bible
- Green Streamers cut 2 feet long

Flannelgraph:

- Water/Sky Board with Land, S4
- Jesus - 3, 4
- Disciples - 18, 20, 56
- People - 88, 97A
- Donkey - 154
- Palm Branches - 186
- Coats - 287, 288

In a few weeks, we are going to celebrate another holiday. Raise your hand if you know that holiday. Easter is the time that we celebrate how much Jesus loves us. We are going to take a break from _____ to learn about the events of Easter.

One day, Jesus and His disciples were walking toward Jerusalem. *Pat your legs.* Let's pretend to walk. As Jesus and His friends came closer to the town, Jesus sent two of the disciples ahead to get a donkey. Count Jesus' two friends. 1, 2. *Show on fingers.* Because the disciples loved Jesus, they obeyed what Jesus said to do. *Remove two disciples.*

Now, donkeys can be very stubborn and donkeys don't always want to move where you want them to, so let's imagine that the two disciples had to "pull" the donkey to Jesus. Pull that donkey. When the disciples finally got the donkey to Jesus, the Bible says that the disciples took off their coats, put the coats on the donkey (*add one to board*), and helped Jesus sit on the donkey. *Remove standing Jesus and add Jesus sitting on donkey.*

Jesus rode the donkey into town and the people looked at Him. The people spread their coats (*add second to board*) on the road and shouted in worship "Hosanna to the King." Hosanna means "save now." The people knew that Jesus would save them. Some waved palm branches in the air to worship Jesus. Others laid palm branches in the road to worship Jesus. The people were happy to see Jesus because of all the wonderful things Jesus had done. The people worshiped Jesus in whatever way they could.

I am going to give you a pretend palm branch (*green streamer*) to wave at Jesus just like the disciples and people did.

Sing "He is the King of King" and wave palm branches or green streamers. Traditional Song

He is the King of Kings (wave branches)

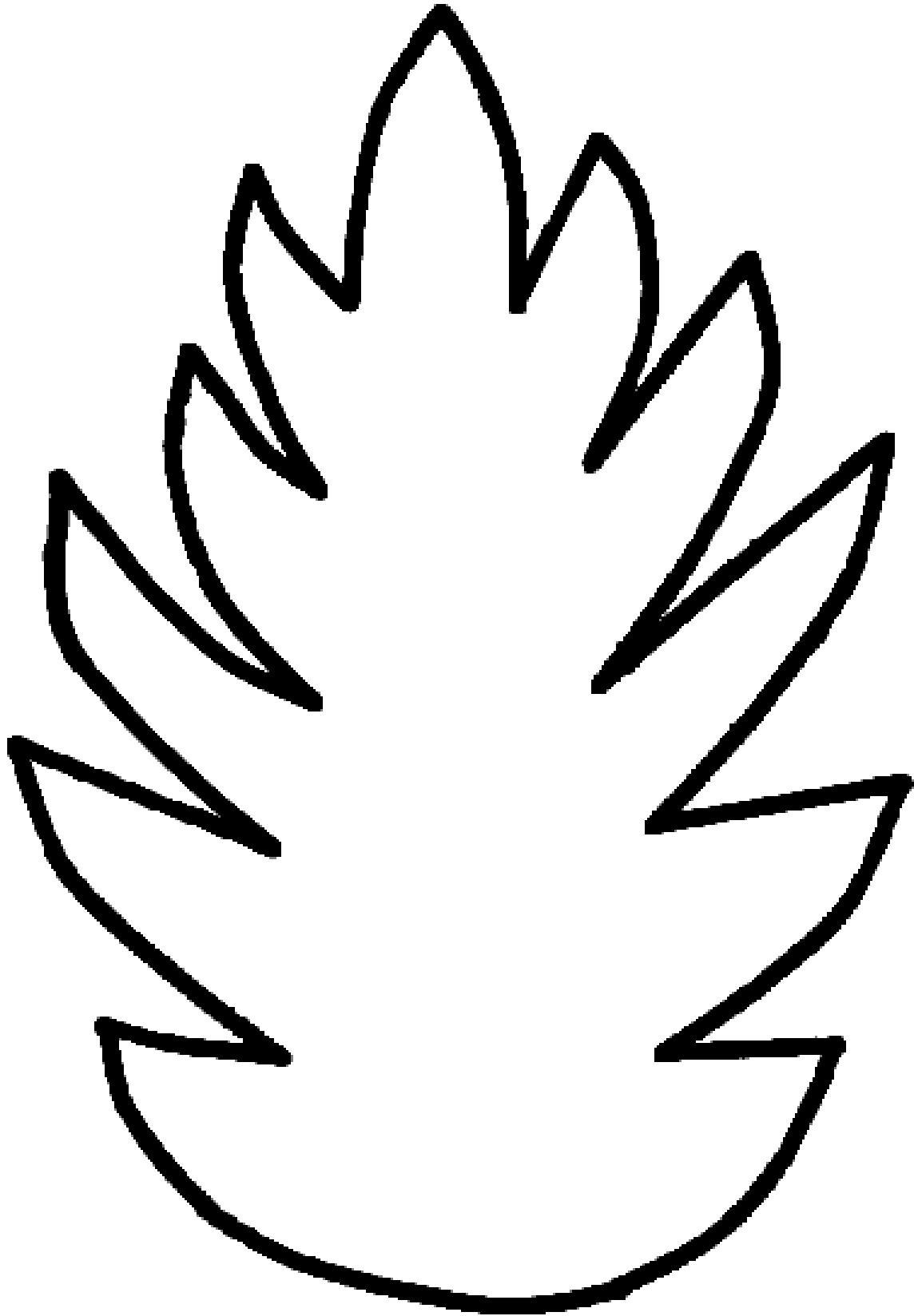
He is the Lord of Lords

His name is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, (hold branches low and slowly raise)

Oh... He is the King. (Hold "oh" for a dramatic pause and wave branches)

Video to learn tune - [YouTube.com/watch?v=B6Yf_nsj2_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6Yf_nsj2_A)

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