

Sofa sessions ...

Palm Sunday

Activity: come up with a new superhero – a person with superhuman abilities capable of saving the world – if your particularly creative you might want to design the vehicle they would use to.

Read Matthew 21:1–11.

The people of God were expecting someone like a superhero. Some were waiting for a great military leader who would overthrow Roman rule and restore their nation to international dominance. Instead they got a rabbi on a donkey. God's idea of a superhero is not the same as ours.

Discuss: What stands out to you the most in the passage? Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey?

Read the following passages: What is the link from these passages in the Old Testament to the event in Matthew to help you understand why Jesus chose a donkey?

- Zechariah 9:9
- 1 Kings 1:32-35

Think about the different attitudes shown by the different people watching the scene. Discuss the different ways of worshipping God?

Read together the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem from Luke 19:28-40. Pick out the different ways Jesus was worshipped in this short journey. Ask them to use: (These passages will help, Luke 19:35–38, John 12:12–13, Mark 11:8–10)

Discuss: what do you think Jesus meant by saying that the stones would cry out if his followers went silent?

Stones are not designed to speak or shout or sing, generally they are content to stay still and quiet, unlike people whom God designed to worship Him.

Once we know God and love Jesus, the natural response is to worship Him and to share with others what he has done.

Activity: Using stones or rocks write words of praise or worship on them and decorate them.

Make a simple paper cross (see separate sheet and instructions on the website) write words of praise on the cross.

Prayer: Play a worship song (eg. King of Kings Majesty:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

Say prayers of thanks to God. Ask Jesus to make himself more real to them today and in the weeks ahead