

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Mark 11. 1-10

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

ACTIVITY: Leaf prayers

You will need:- green paper (or white paper coloured green)

- a straw or stick
- pens/pencils
- Sellotape
- scissors

1. Draw a leaf shape onto your paper. Make it big enough to fit some writing inside.
2. Write a prayer inside your leaf shape.
3. Cut out your leaf shape.
4. Stick your leaf shape onto the straw or stick to make a palm branch, like the ones that would have been used to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.
5. If your family members also write prayers, you could stick them all on to the same stick and place it somewhere in your house where you will all see it regularly this week to remind you to pray.

