# RE – Palm Sunday

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

On Palm Sunday there is a procession into Church, which remembers the story of Jesus going into Jerusalem just before he was put to death. Everyone has a Palm or a Palm cross. This is the beginning of Holy Week in the Church, a week of remembering the events that lead to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.



It is a very special time and The Passion is read. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord celebrates the time when people were cheering Jesus and waving palm branches as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Palms were easy to get hold of, as there were lots of palm trees in the Holy Land where Jesus lived.

## Read God's Story Mark 11: 1 -11

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As Jesus and his disciples were getting close to Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives. He sent two of his disciples on ahead and told them, "Go into the village over there. You will see a colt tied up, that no one has ridden yet. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, tell him, "The Master needs it now and will send it back." They went off and did as Jesus said. Jesus mounted the colt. As he rode along people spread their cloaks on the road. Some cut branches and spread these before him. The people were all shouting, "Hosanna! Praise God! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! Praise God!"

(based on Mark 11: 1-11)

Can you answer these questions? Have a chat with someone in your family about them.

- Why do you think the people were cheering?
- How do you think Jesus felt?
- How would you have felt if you had been there?
- What is Palm Sunday the beginning of?
- Why is Holy Week so special?

### Choose one of these activities:

- a) Make a scenescape about Palm Sunday.
- b) Make palm branches and have your own palm procession.



# Palm Sunday - Make a Paper Palm Leaf

- 1. Cut along the solid black line.
  - 2. Colour your palm leaf green.
- 3. Cut along the dotted lines to create a palm leaf. It is important to stop cutting at the end of each dotted line.
  - 4. Finally, stick a green pipe cleaner or straw along the centre of your leaf for a stem.

