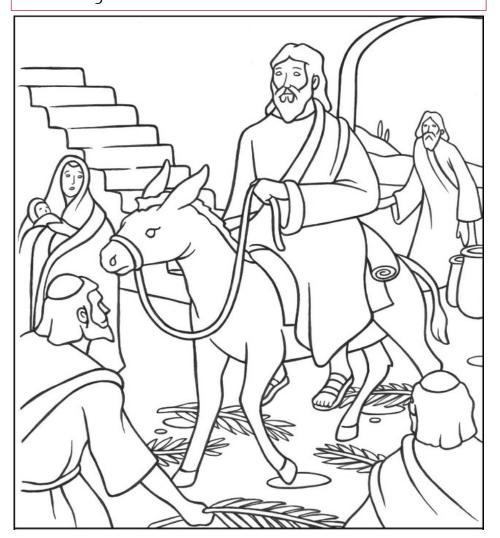


Did'ja Know?

Today's celebration is called Palm Sunday because people waved palm branches when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Some call it Passion Sunday, because they read the Passion story from the Bible.

Jesus is savior! Jesus is here! Hosanna! Color the picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the colt.







Luke 19:29-44

Jesus and his friends were going to the city of Jerusalem. It was the time of the biggest holiday of the year, called Passover. The city was full of people. So many people!

When people heard Jesus was coming they got VERY excited.

"I see him!" someone shouted. "Riding on a donkey!"

"He's God's promised savior!" shouted another.

The crowds cheered. They waved palm branches. They laid their coats on the road to make a carpet for Jesus to ride on. "Hosanna!" they shouted. "Hosanna to our king!"

Some people who didn't like Jesus got mad. "Jesus," they said, "tell these people to be quiet!"

Jesus said, "Today the whole earth is celebrating. If the people stopped cheering, even the stones would shout for joy!"



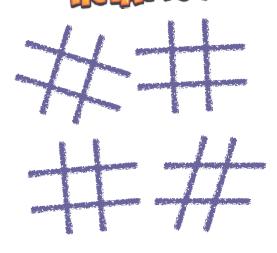
Savior

One who has God's favor to make things right again. Jesus was the savior of the world!



PICTURE IT

Now draw in your own idea of what Jesus' triumphal entry must have been like! If you'd prefer to write a story or a song, that works too!







Easter is coming soon. When you're out and about in a car, bus, or biking, see how many Easter church signs you can find. What are their messages?





Ask your pastor or another trusted adult in your church what passion week is. What sorts of worship services does your congregation do during this time?



