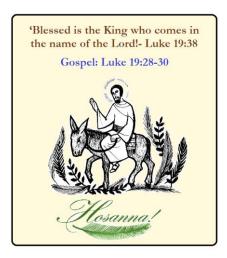
## "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Children's liturgy activity April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022





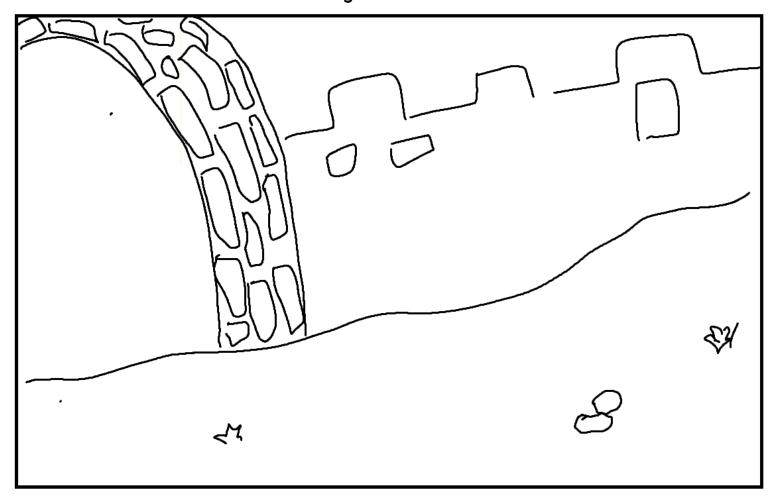
Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

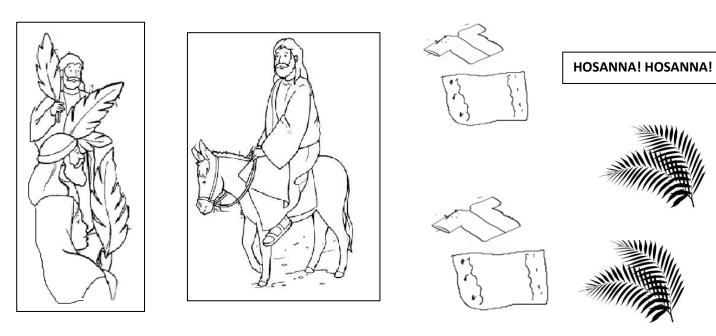
In the Gospel today, we see Jesus preparing to enter the holy city of Jerusalem. He asks his disciples to go to a village just opposite them, and that they would find a donkey on which no one has ever sat immediately as they enter. Jesus asked them to untie it and bring it to him. He also instructed them that if anyone asks them "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately. The disciples did everything and found everything as Jesus said. They untied the donkey and brought to Jesus. They put their garments on the donkey and Jesus sat on it. As he entered Jerusalem, people spread their garments and palm leaves on the way Jesus was coming. They began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

The disciples obeyed everything that Jesus asked of them. They did not understand anything about what Jesus was doing but they obeyed him in trust. When Jesus resurrected, the disciples understood the meaning of everything. Every word of Jesus got accomplished. We might not understand many things in the Bible or what Jesus is speaking to us. But let us obey him in trust and wait in patience just like the disciples. Everything will be revealed to us in right time. WHY DID JESUS, WHOM MANY EXPECTED TO BE THE KING RODE ON A DONKEY? Jesus did this to fulfil the prophecy about him by prophet Zechariah. So that many who knew the prophecy can recognize him as the king. Entering the city on a Donkey symbolizes the arrival in Peace and not for war. Jesus rode a donkey to show all that He was the King of peace and not of war. His entry brings peace to the world. Donkey is a humble animal. Jesus' riding the donkey shows that he is humble and gentle. Donkey bears all heavy loads for people. Jesus who rode on donkey shows us that He bore all our burdens and sins; to set us free.

The people welcomed Jesus spreading their garments on the road and waving palm leaves. They rejoiced and praised God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen from Jesus. They welcomed Jesus as the king coming in the name of the lord. The Jews asked Jesus to rebuke disciples for proclaiming his as king and for praising him for the mighty deeds that He is doing. How do we welcome and accept Jesus who is coming into our life? Are we accepting Jesus as our king, Lord and Saviour? Do we recognise the mighty deeds that Jesus is doing in our lives? Are we thanking and praising our lord for his providences and care in our lives? Are we ready to surrender all that we have to His authority? For this we must understand what Jesus did for us. He gave himself to save us and give us eternal life. Next week is the Passion of our Lord Jesus. Seek help of parents to read gospel of Luke 22:14-23:56 and meditate on all that Jesus did for us out of God's unconditional love. Let us declare Jesus as our King, Lord and Saviour of our life. Hosanna to the kings of kings!

Cut and paste the pictures on the given template to complete the scene of Jesus' entering Jerusalem. Colour it too.





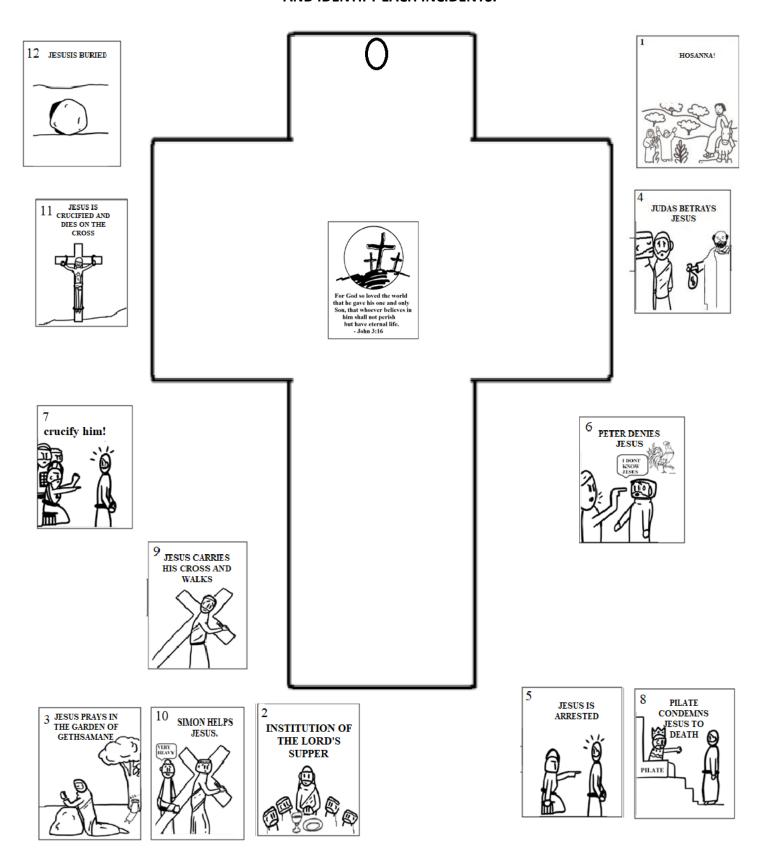
#### Can you trace the way for Jesus to Jerusalem?



#### CAN YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WORD OF GOD?

'Blessed is the who comes in the of the Lord!
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- Luke 19:38

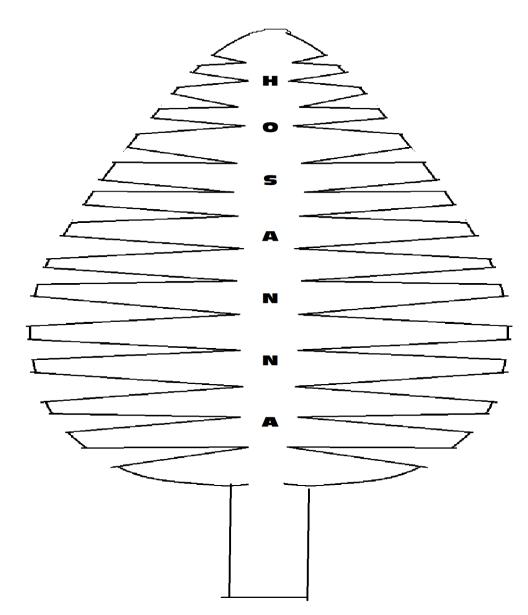
# CUT OUT THE TEMPLATES OF THE INCIDENTS IN THE PASSION OF OUR LORD. ORDER IT, COLOUR IT AND GLUE IT ON THE GIVEN TEMPLATE TO MAKE A WALL HANGER. SEEK HELP OF PARENTS TO READ GOSPEL OF LUKE 22:14-23:56 AND IDENTIFY EACH INCIDENTS.



### '... the disciples rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.'

Cut out the template of the palm leaf. Colour it. Write on the leaf template the mighty deeds that Jesus is doing in your lives. Rejoice and praise the lord







Dear Lord, we thank you for your unconditional love. We thank you Jesus for giving yourselves, bearing all our sins and pains and giving us new life by coming into us. Open our eyes to see the mighty deeds you do for us each moment of our lives and to be thankful. We declare you as our King, Lord and Savior. Help us to surrender ourselves fully to you and follow you in complete trust and obedience and proclaim your love to the world. In Jesus name we pray, amen.