

What Do I See at Calvary?



Children's Sermons for the Six Weeks of Lent and Easter Sunday

Along the Road + Around the Table + Beneath the Olive Trees
Outside the Courtyard + Toward the Hill + Upon the Cross
In the Early Morning

What Do I See at Calvary?

Along the Road

A Children's Sermon for the First Week of Lent

Needed – A Magnifying Glass

Good morning everyone. I have something for you to see. Who knows what this is? (*Hold up magnifying glass.*) Right! It's a magnifying glass. What does it do? (*Let kids respond.*) It helps us see things up close, so we can see all the little details better.

This Lent, we are going to be looking closely at some things on Jesus' trip to the cross.

Jesus has a lot to teach us in these weeks before Easter. Let's pay special attention to what we see—because they're clues that teach us about God's love for us. God's love is a love so big and amazing and wonderful that it will take the whole world by surprise on Easter morning!

Today, let's look at the road that leads to Jerusalem. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was greeted with a parade. The people there had heard about Jesus and the miracles he had done. They were very excited to greet him!

As Jesus rode into town on a donkey, people crowded the streets, waving big palm branches the way we'd wave flags or shine spotlights. They laid their cloaks on the road like a red carpet and shouted "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!" They cheered, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Jesus is King, that's true! But watch closely this Lent. Jesus is going to surprise everyone when he shows them the amazing and surprising King and Savior he is ... and what that really means to all of us!

Let's pray together.

Jesus, Hosanna, you are my King! In these weeks before Easter, help me see more clearly all the wonderful things you did for me. Amen.

Activities for the First Week of Lent

Along the Road



Hidden Words

Find the words from the story of Jesus' palm parade.

P K I N G F N W R
 Q A D O W M B E T
 A I L E H A C L Y
 T U G M O D O C E
 E R G T S P A O K
 L F T O A E T M N
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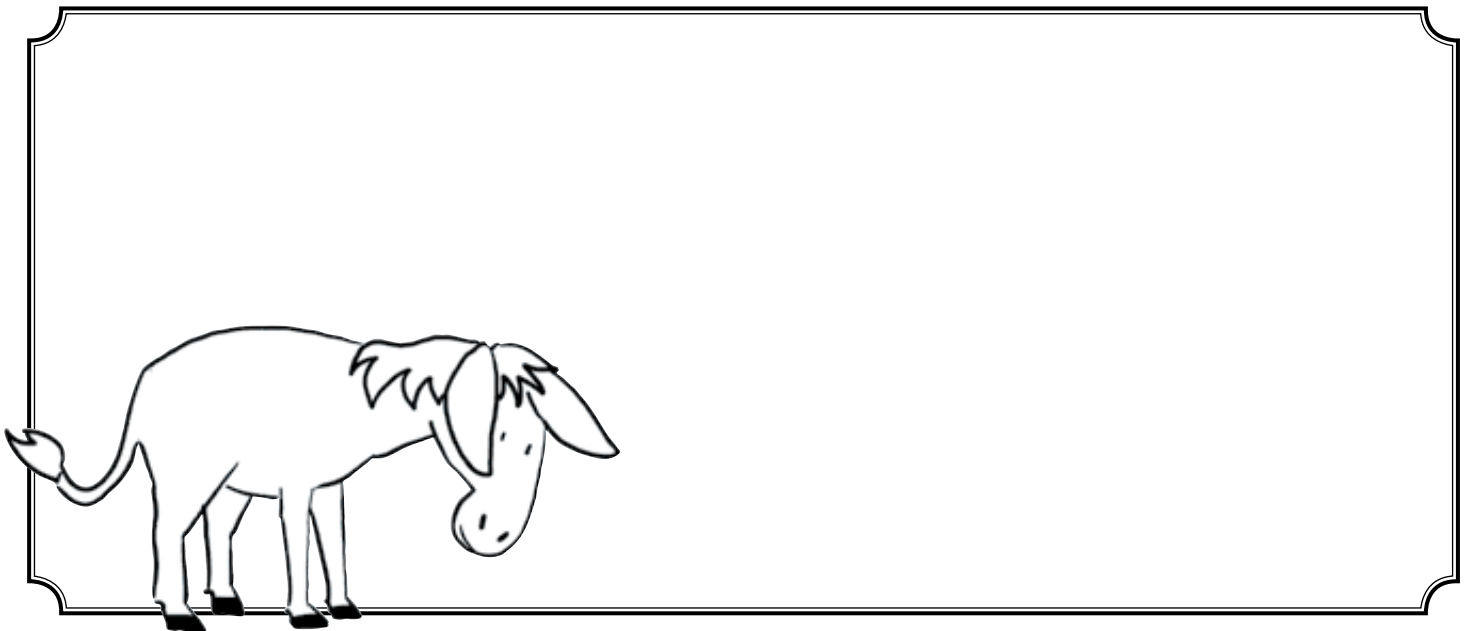
Look along the road to Jerusalem and you'll see people waving palm branches. How many words can you make from the letters in **palm branches**?

P A L M B R A N C H E S

PALMS + DONKEY + ROAD + COATS
 HOSANNA + SING + KING + WELCOME

What Do You See?

Complete this picture of a donkey carrying King Jesus along the road to Jerusalem. What do you see?

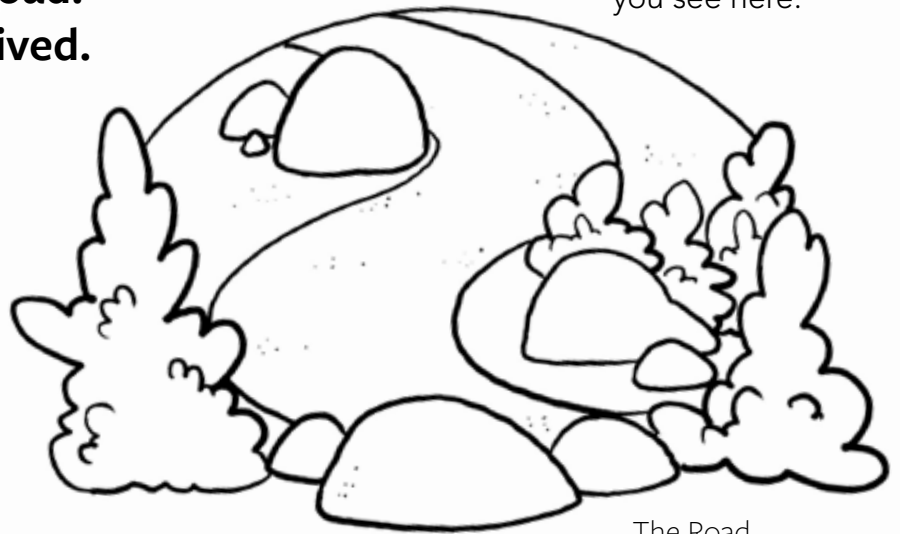


Coloring Page for the First Week of Lent

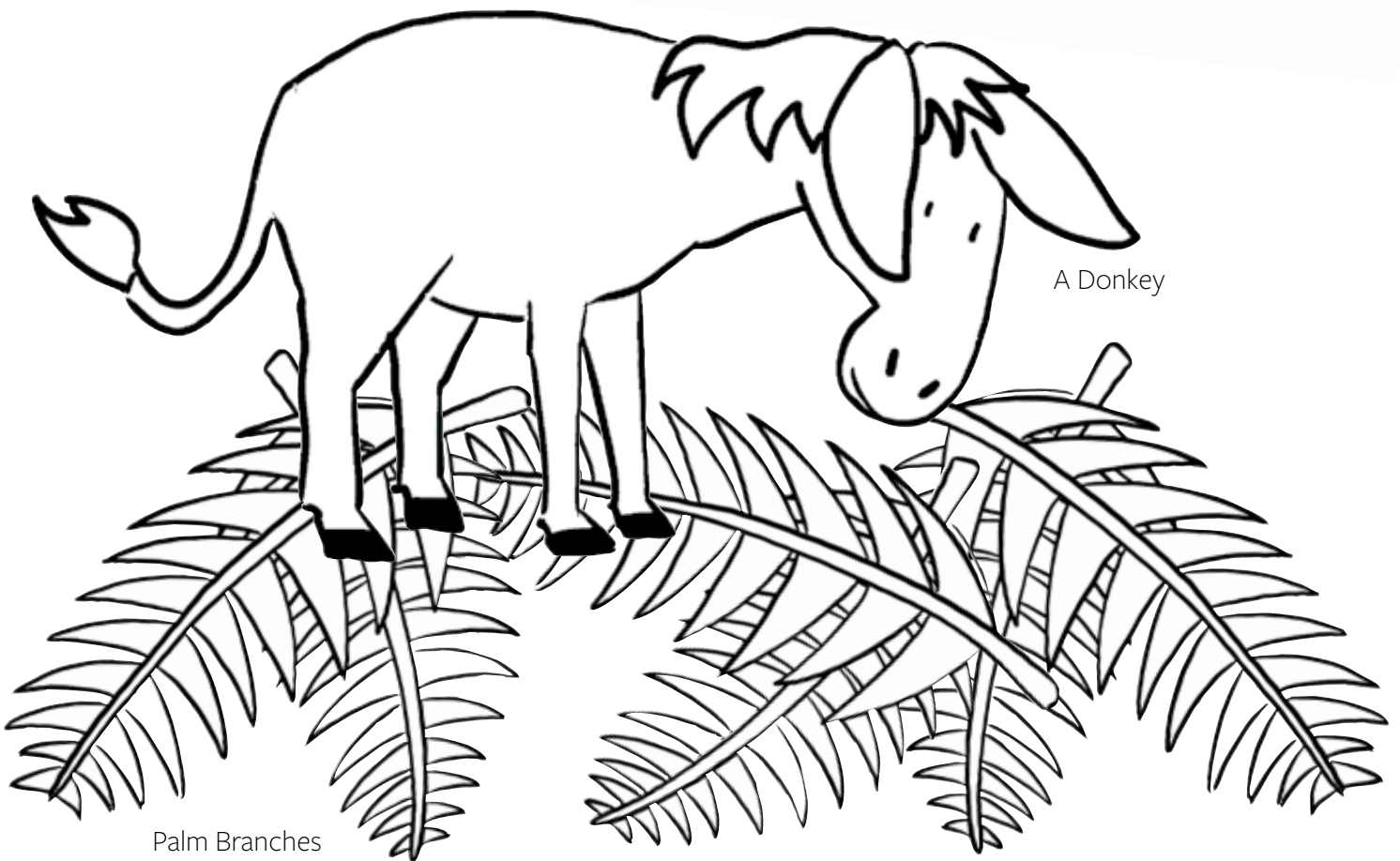
Along the Road

**This donkey has a special load
to carry on the our Lenten road.
Our humble King has just arrived.
He comes to save each
of our lives.
Let's wave a palm branch
as we sing Hosanna
to our coming King.**

Read Matthew 21:1-11
and color the objects
you see here.



The Road



A Donkey

Palm Branches