



Donkeys Tales!

Donkeys feature in the oldest and most famous stories, even those from the Bible.

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Stories have a beginning, a middle and an end.
- ▶ Can you put this bible story about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey back into its correct sequence?

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1. This story is the origin of Palm Sunday and why palm crosses are made. This story appears in three books in the Bible: Mark chapter 11, Luke chapter 19 and John chapter 12. It is a story that tells how Jesus used a donkey to show he was peaceful and a king. Look at the jumbled up story on page 2 - can you cut up and rearrange the story into its correct sequence?

2. Read through the story again and then answer the following questions:

What did Jesus do to make his ride more comfortable?

Why could Jesus not ride a donkey today?

How can we tell the people thought Jesus was important?



Jumbled-up Story!

Can you cut out and rearrange the parts of the story until it makes sense?



A

When they reached the Mount of Olives, Jesus told two of his disciples to go ahead where they would find a donkey.

B

he was.

C

Jerusalem.

D

old, 'That the great prophet from Nazareth.'

E

This attracted a crowd and some shouted, 'Blessed is he, the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

F

Arriving on a donkey fulfilled the prophecy of a king arriving in peace and humility.

G

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, who put coats on its back to make a saddle.

H

As Jesus rode the donkey toward Jerusalem people put their coats and palm leaves on the ground for the donkey to walk on.

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Picture Analysis

Using the picture, make notes on the following:

1. How many disciples can be seen?
2. what are they doing?
3. When in the story did this scene take place?

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