

# Salford Elim's Kid's Church

## Palm Sunday (Luke 19 :28-44& Good Friday

Hi again everyone, hope you've all had a good week and managed to do some of the tasks and challenges I sent out last week 😊 If you did, don't forget to ask your grown-ups to share them on the Beyond Sunday or the Salford Elim Facebook page(s)- it would be good to see what you got up to 👍

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and so I've put together a few things for you to do as a family. I've also sent some other Good Friday resources you might like to do. I hope you all get something from them 😎

**GAME:** Spinners of thanks! A really simple way to get your thanks on but needs a bit of prep if to be done at tea-time.

On a piece of paper or card, draw a large circle; drawing round a dinner plate works well. Then divide the circle into as many segments as you can think 'topics of thanks' for. Write each topic in a segment, for example you might want 'Jesus/God', 'Friends', 'Helpful person in our community', 'Person who works for our country', 'Family member' or 'Someone from church' in your circle. Then, find a paperclip and place it in the centre of your circle. Then, stand the tip of a pen or pencil upright in the end of the paperclip to act like a spinner and axle. Then, take turns to flick the paperclip to make it spin and then shout out some thanks for whatever it lands on! Try and be specific if you can 😊 If you don't have a paperclip, cut out an arrow large enough to put a hole in the end and fit the pencil tip through and for it to move freely. If you've got a split pin? Well, then you're laughing.

Those with older children consider adapting it by just giving your children each a topic for them to say a statement of thanks for.

OR:

Pin the tail on the donkey! Why not get put your drawing skills to the test and create your very own Pin the tail on the Donkey! Granted you can't do this round the dinner table, but don't let that stop you using some other time over the week. All you need is a picture of a donkey (only those who attempt to draw can mock their own work...), a tail- (this could be either be drawn on card or paper and cut out, or some strands of wool tied together at the top, or even an old tie), means to attach the tail to your picture (I hear Blu-tack is good for this kind of thing 😊) and a blindfold (scarves make great blindfolds). Take turns to pin the tail on the donkey and see who gets the closest 😊

DISCUSS: Who are you really looking forward to seeing again, once all this isolation business is over? How excited will you be? Will you do anything special or different when you eventually get to see them?

#### BIBLE BIT:

Palm Sunday. This is the name sometimes given to the time where we read about the moment Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey and some people were so excited to greet Him, waving palm leaves and shouting all kinds of praise of Him.

- Watch <https://vimeo.com/59691514> or read it from your Bible in Luke 19: 28-44.
- Is this how you would imagine a King to enter a city? Why/why not?
- Remember who you said you would be excited to see when this is all over? Do you think you would be as excited to see Jesus if he rode into Salford on a donkey? Why?

READ: verses 40-44. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 40? Why do you think he cried as said in verse 41?

In the passage, we read about King Jesus entering Jerusalem in quite a strange way for a king. It wasn't a massive fancy parade; He wasn't on a golden chariot being pulled by majestic and beautiful horses. He did not look like a king. But He didn't act like a king either. He acted like a servant, a teacher, a healer and a saviour. Over the next few days leading up to Easter Sunday, we think about how He served us all the way to death on the cross; He wasn't the kind of king who got out when the going got tough. In this passage we learn Jesus cried over a city that He couldn't change because the people in it didn't recognise Him as their Messiah, Saviour and king.

#### NOW WHAT?

At the moment we find ourselves in a situation that we can't change and we can't get out of it even though it's tough and we might want to.

Adapt these questions to suit younger children.

- What are the things you are finding so difficult about being in a situation you can't change?
- What are the things you can control?
- Can you set yourselves any challenges or tasks that you can do that will serve others? The simple things count, so if all you can do is tidy up a bit or clean the bathroom, or argue less with your family, then that's ace.
- What do you want to speak to God about in all of this? Where do you want or need to know Him more?

**PRAY:** Ask each person what they'd like to pray about and have one or two of you pray out loud. Spend some time giving thanks to God for sending Jesus, maybe encourage your children to imagine themselves in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus' entrance and ask them to call out what they'd shout to Him. You could use the Spinner here again, if you wanted.

**GET CREATIVE:** As a household consider doing any of the following:

- Make a Palm tree with your palms! Draw the trunk of a palm tree and then finish it off by either drawing around your hand a few times and cutting them out to stick onto the trunk or use paint to do some handprints. Something like this:



- Make a Donkey! I've attached a template for you to print and colour or draw your own 😊 Then add some pegs for legs! It should look something like this:



- Watch this song and sing along, share your version!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmHY0N2XFEo>

SHARE: Let others (perhaps others in your Connect Group, Homegroup or on Beyond Sunday) know how you got on. Any interesting thoughts, questions or answers? Any funny pictures or creative outcomes?

P.S. There's another Palm Sunday idea in the file with the Good Friday activities. Thanks!

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