



## 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 back into its correct sequence and answer relevant questions?

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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 place the missing sentences into the story to complete the correct sequence?

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

What did Jesus do to make his ride more comfortable?

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How can we tell the people thought Jesus was important?

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## What's the Story?

Can you replace the missing parts of the story so it makes sense?



You have the scaffold for the story add the missing parts from the pieces below listed a to c

1. Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem.
2. When they reached the Mount of Olives, Jesus told two of his disciples to go ahead where they would find a donkey.
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. As Jesus rode the donkey toward Jerusalem people put their coats and palm leaves on the ground for the donkey to walk on.
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. When Jesus passed through the gates and into the city riding his donkey, some people asked who he was.
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Arriving on a donkey fulfilled the prophecy of a king arriving in peace and humility.

**Put these sentences in the right place to complete the story**

- a. 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.'
- b. The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, who put coats on its back to make a saddle.
- c. They were told, 'That is Jesus, he is the great prophet from Nazareth.'



## 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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