

Messy Church Special - Palm Sunday

Question

If you were a king or queen what would you do? What would you wear? Where would you live? How would you travel around?

Challenge

Make a pathway/carpet for someone to walk down. Take turns to walk down the path like a famous person while the others tell them how wonderful they are, and give a massive clap for being amazing through this difficult time.

Bible Story

From Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus rides in to Jerusalem

Questions to choose from and chat about after the story...

What do you think it would have been like to be in the crowd on that day?

How do you think Jesus felt, seeing and hearing the crowd that day?

Why is Jesus not like any other Kings?

Jesus died on the cross so that we can be forgiven for all the wrong stuff we do, have you got a story to share about when you were forgiven (adults too!). How did it feel?

What's a great thing about being Jesus' friend?

Crafts

Donkey Droppings

Donkey Spinners (see following pages)

Make Palm crosses out of anything you can find (see following pages)

Make Easter Cards for others

Palm Sunday colouring (see following pages)

Spot the Difference (see following pages)

Make Palm Leaves (see following pages)

Make up a song, poem or prayer (see ideas in following pages)

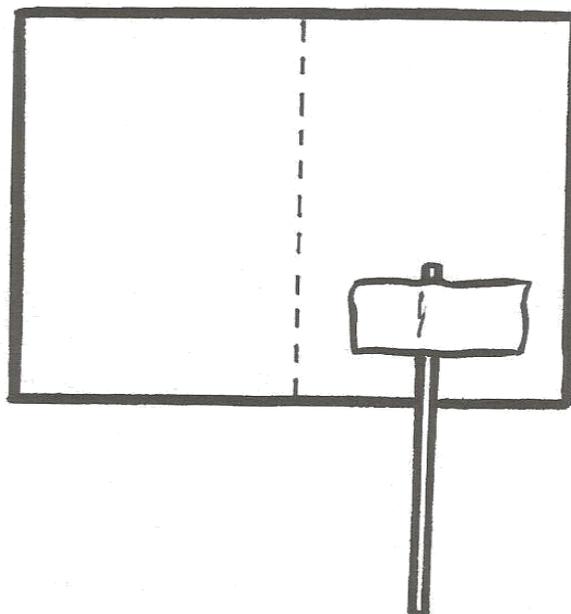
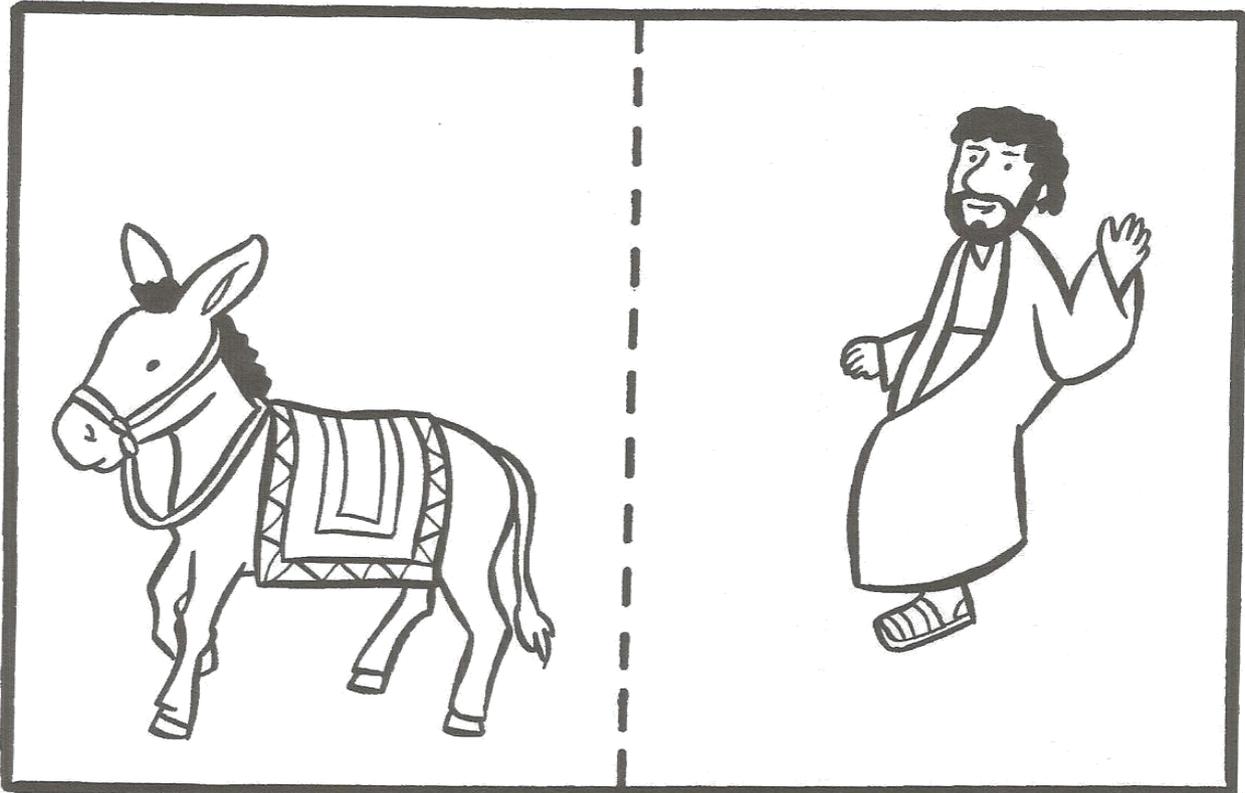
Science Experiment <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAv6Xuoikdo>

Donkey in a spin

An optical illusion based on the Palm Sunday story

You will need: copies of the picture below, scissors, cocktail sticks, sticky tape, glue, colouring materials

Cut out and colour the pictures, then fold along the dotted line. Tape a cocktail stick to the middle of the back of one of the pictures, as shown in the diagram. Glue the two sides together. Spin the stick between your fingers. Jesus will appear to sit on the donkey when the spinner is spun at the correct speed.

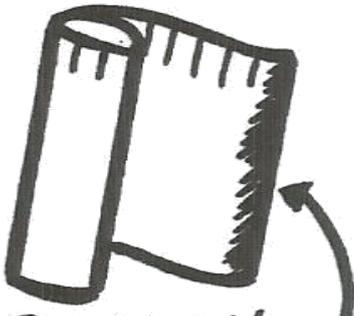




Make a palm tree - useful
for waving in church
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Cut about 8cm into paper and 2.5cm apart

Use A4 paper - green if
possible or colour it



Roll tightly
and stick
where
shaded



Gently
pull out the
branches



Palm crosses

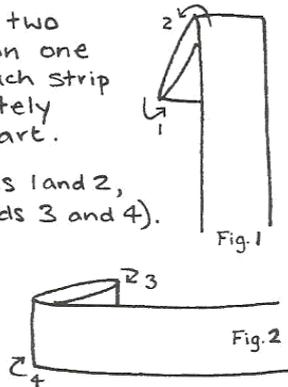
Making palm crosses from paper

To make a Palm Cross ~

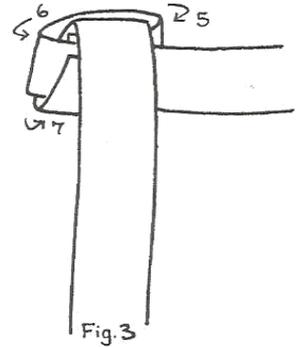
- 1** Cut off three strips from the long side of a sheet of A4 paper. Each strip should be approximately 15 mm wide. One strip will be used to form the crosspiece. Join together the other two strips with sticky tape and use this longer strip to form the upright of the cross.

- 2** Make two folds on one end of each strip approximately 15 mm apart.

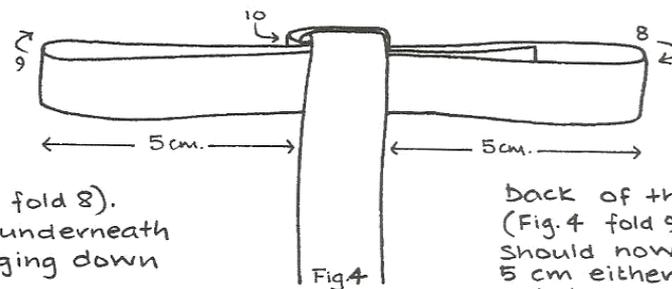
(Fig. 1 folds 1 and 2, Fig. 2 folds 3 and 4).



- 3** Join the two strips together by using the folds already made as a kind of 'hook' on the end of each strip. (Fig. 3 folds 5, 6, 7). You will now have a firm join at this crossover point. Make sure that the loose end of the crosspiece is to the right and the loose end of the longer strip hangs down over the front of the crossover point.

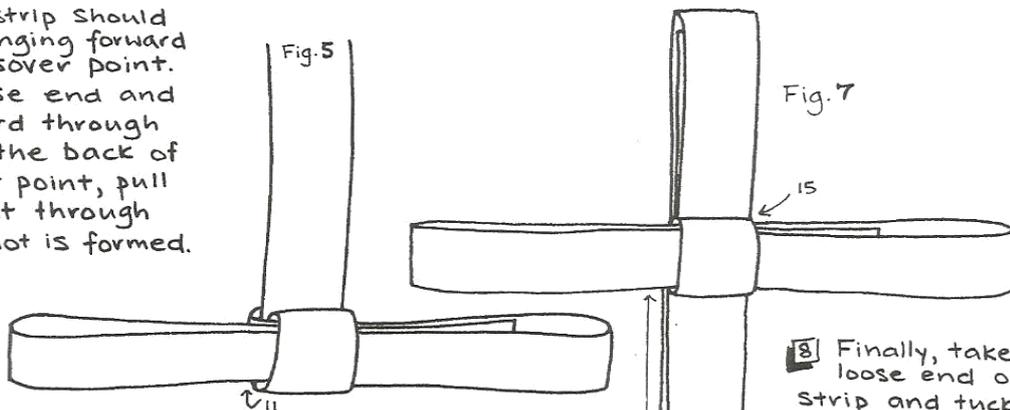


- 4** Take the loose end of the crosspiece and fold it forward leaving a loop of paper of about 5 cm sticking out to one side. (Fig. 4 fold 8). Pass the loose end underneath the long strip hanging down at the front.

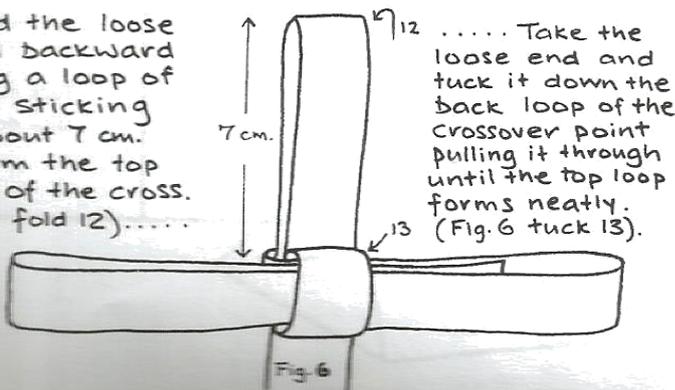


- 5** Form another loop sticking out 5 cm on the other side by folding the loose end of the crosspiece and tucking it into the back of the crossover point. (Fig. 4 fold 9 tuck 10). The crosspiece should now stick out evenly about 5 cm either side of the crossover point.

- 6** The long strip should still be hanging forward over the crossover point. Take the loose end and tuck it upward through the loop at the back of the crossover point, pull the strip right through and a firm knot is formed. (Fig. 5 tuck 11).

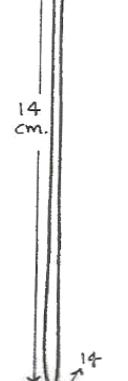


- 7** Fold the loose end backward leaving a loop of paper sticking up about 7 cm. to form the top piece of the cross. (Fig. 6 fold 12).

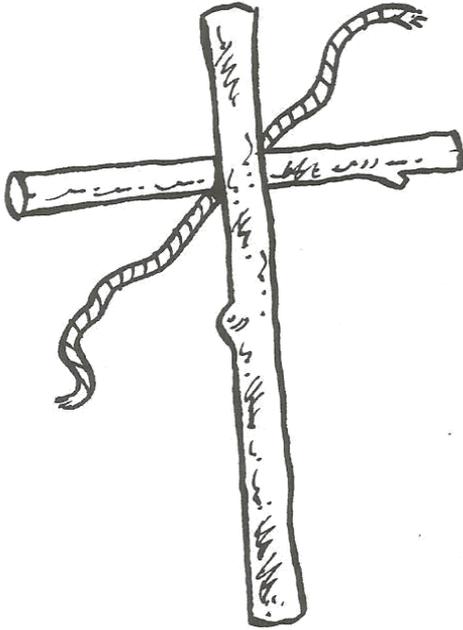


- Take the loose end and tuck it down the back loop of the crossover point pulling it through until the top loop forms neatly. (Fig. 6 tuck 13).

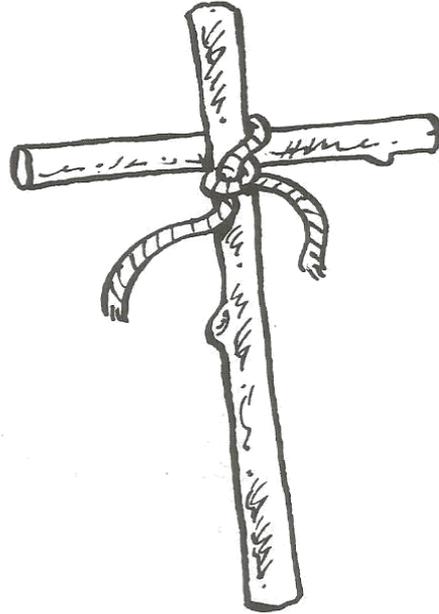
- 8** Finally, take the loose end of the strip and tuck it into the front of the crossover point leaving a loop of paper hanging down about 14 cm. to form the lower part of the cross. Press at the bottom to form a neat fold. (Fig. 7 fold 14 tuck 15).



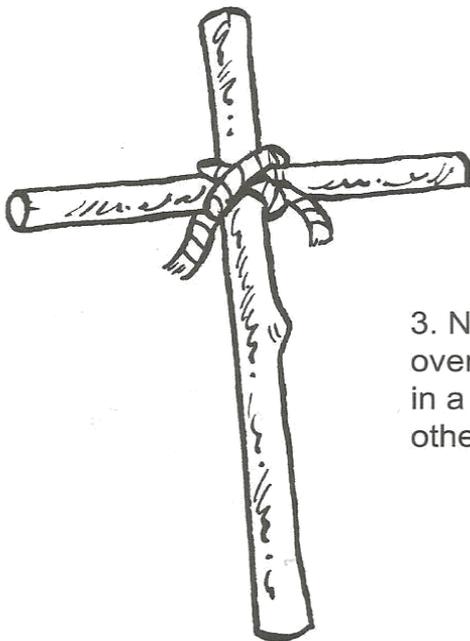
Make a twig cross



1. Lay two twigs in the shape of a cross on top of some string.



2. Tie the string in a tight knot over the twigs.



3. Now turn the twigs over and tie the string in a tight knot round the other part of the cross.

Spot the difference



There are ten differences to find!

Praise King Jesus

Praise King Jesus,
Riding into town.
Riding on a donkey,
Throw your jackets down.
Sing "Hosanna",
Wave your branches,
Praise King Jesus riding into town.

Praise King Jesus,
He's alive today.
He's alive forever,
Shout a loud "Hooray".
Alleluia, we will love him,
Praise King Jesus.
He's alive today.

Palm Praise

Jesus the King is riding a donkey
And the people praise him
Jesus the King is coming
Let us shout his praises
Clip, clop, clip, clop into the city
Jesus the King is coming
Let us shout his praises
Crowds are waving branches for him
Jesus the King is coming
Let us shout his praises
Jesus will be our King forever
Let all the people praise him!
Jesus the King is coming
Let us shout his praises