

Welcome to Southminster Presbyterian Kids Corner!



Welcome to PALM SUNDAY! The text for today is John 19:16b - 22, *The Crucified Messiah*. We'll also be discussing Palm Sunday, and the story behind it!

✝️ Let's start with a great video about the story of Palm Sunday!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTmbTuutBgg>

✝️ Next, read along with the text, and take a look at the activity pages! They are especially fun and colorful this week! :D

✝️ In honor of lent, we will continue making **purple prayer chains**! This week's themes are:

Prayers for **PEACE**

Prayers of **ENCOURAGEMENT** - pray for a loved one (or yourself) to find encouragement to tackle something you're unsure about.

***For those worshiping in-person**, We will meet in the parlor after the word with Children for crafts and discussion! If you are **worshiping from home**, I encourage you to make your own prayer chains - a fun way to decorate for the season!*

✝️ Finally... we would LOVE to see any at-home participation! Please send any photos you would like to share in the slideshow to David Kozich at kozichd1@gmail.com

Have fun, and Happy PALM SUNDAY!

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John 19:16b - 22 (NRSV)

16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.



The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus; **17** and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. **18** There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. **19** Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." **20** Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. **21** Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" **22** Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Why is today called "Palm Sunday"?

The story of Palm Sunday is told in John 12 (John 12:12 - 16 NRSV).

The gospel tells the story of Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey.

As Jesus and his disciples walked towards Jerusalem, he sent two disciples ahead, telling them to find a donkey and a colt. The disciples brought the animals, laying their cloaks on the donkey so that Jesus could ride. As he rode towards Jerusalem, people laid cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him, shouting, **"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"** When he entered Jerusalem, a huge crowd welcomed him, waving palm leaves and shouting "Hosanna," because they supported Jesus and his message. Arriving at the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus healed the blind and the sick; however, at the same time he aroused the ire and suspicion of the priests, who heard children shouting in the temple area calling out, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

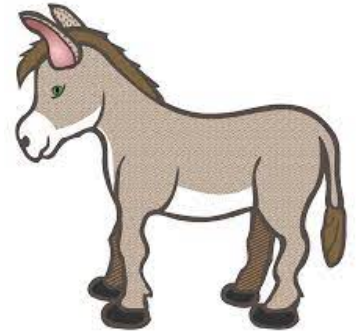


Did You know....



- While celebrating Palm Sunday, palm leaves are blessed and then collected and burned into ash.

- The ash of the palm leaves is used in the following year's Ash Wednesday celebration.



- The reason why Jesus rode a donkey is that in those times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. It also fulfilled prophecy from the Old Testament about the Messiah, the savior of Israel.

- The donkey is a symbol of peace so riding on it showed the person has peaceful intentions.

- People also distribute crosses made out of palm leaves and wear them. This is done because the palm leaves are considered as a symbol of goodness and victory.



- The liturgical color of the day is red.

- Palm Sunday also marks the start of the holiest weeks in the entire Christian calendar.



HOSANNA



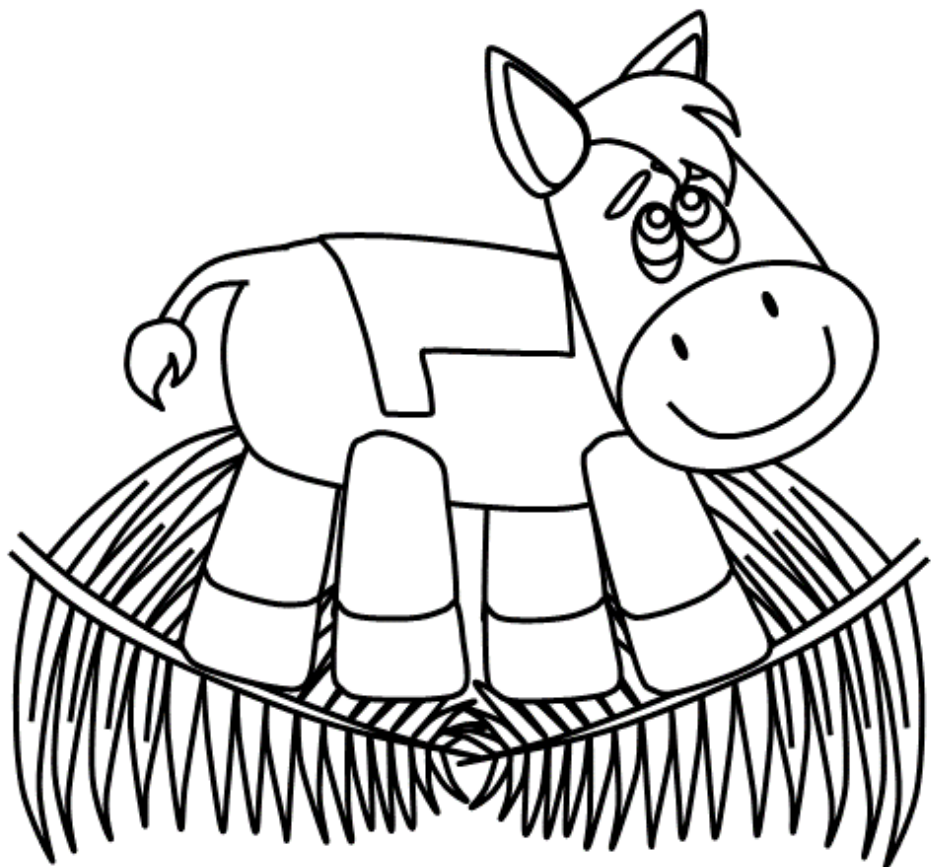
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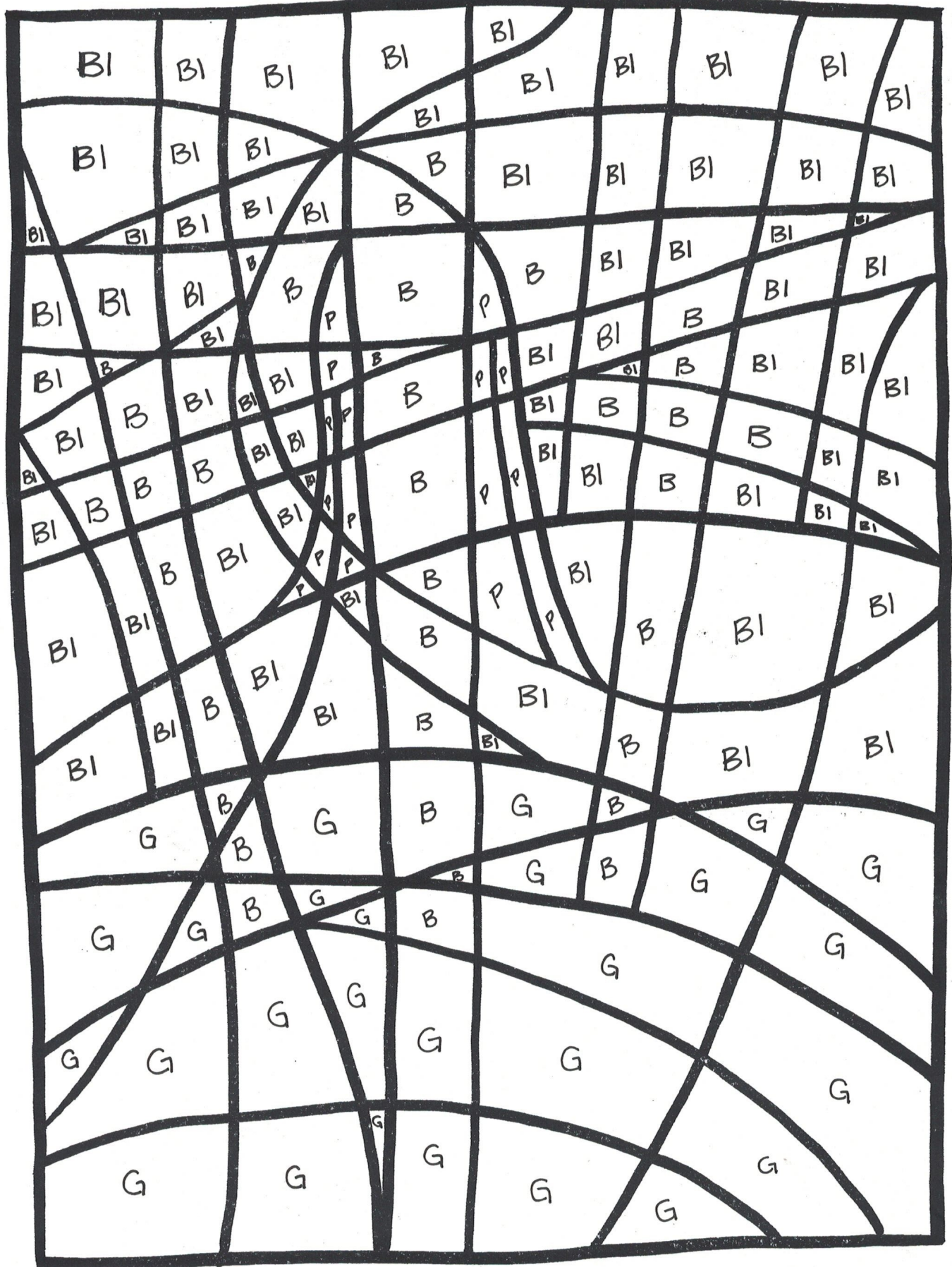
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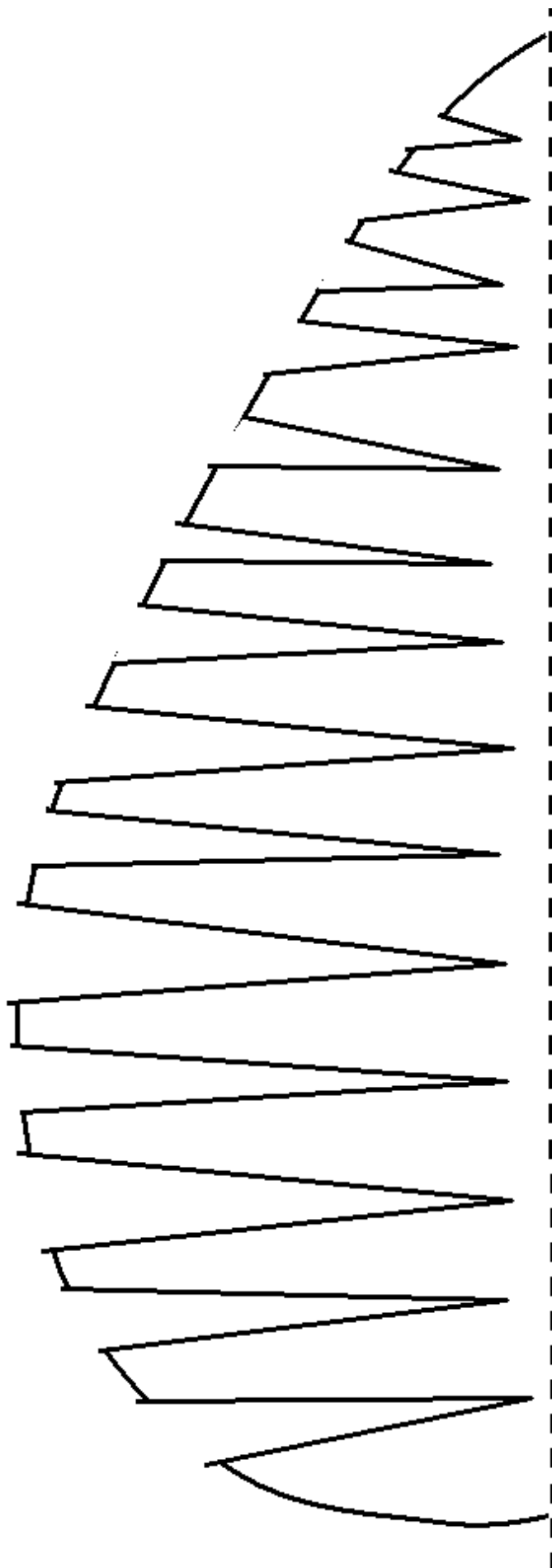
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**BLESSED
 BRANCHES
 COATS
 CROWD
 DONKEY
 HOSANNA
 JERUSALEM
 JESUS
 PALMS
 VILLAGE**





P - Purple B1 - Blue B - Brown G - Green



Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.

