



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 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 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?

In what ways is this event like a flash mob?



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 and find a donkey that would find

B

When Jesus passed

C

Jesus and his disciples were on their way to the city doing his donkey. Some people asked what he was.

D

They were told, 'That is Jesus, he is the great 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.

Writing Task Extension: For homework, or in class, research other stories that have featured animals. Using this story and your other research as inspiration, craft your own story that has an animal featured. This can be in the first or third person. Alternatively, you could storyboard the parts of the story using appropriate illustration.

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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