



## 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?

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<p>When they reached the Mount of Olives, Jesus told two of his disciples to go ahead where they would find a donkey.</p>	<p>When Jesus passed through the gates and into the city riding his donkey, some people asked who he was.</p>	<p>Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>They were told, 'That is Jesus, he is the great prophet from Nazareth.'</p>
<p><b>E</b> 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.'</p>	<p><b>F</b> Arriving on a donkey fulfilled the prophecy of a king arriving in peace and humility.</p>	<p><b>G</b> The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, who put coats on its back to make a saddle.</p>	<p><b>H</b> As Jesus rode the donkey toward Jerusalem people put their coats and palm leaves on the ground for the donkey to walk on.</p>

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.

