

Palm Sunday Children's Gospel—Narration for PPT

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Welcome to this Palm Sunday Presentation: these are simple narrative notes for a story teller to open up the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem. These pictures also contain Pilate's trial of Jesus and a crucifixion scene. These accounts are in all four gospels, with this story being mainly based in Luke 19: 28-40 & 23:1-25, 32-38.

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Yesterday was an exciting day, many people had seen Jesus call Lazarus out of the tomb where he had been dead for 3 days. My parents have been talking about it all night and this morning.

I am playing near my parent's home outside the walls of Jerusalem...when suddenly I realise that I can hear a huge crowd making a great commotion.

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I ran to see what the source of the noise was. Many people were calling out, "Hooray," or "Hosanna" and shouting "God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" There is such excitement. People are coming from everywhere to join the celebration.

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I saw a man on a young donkey. All the people were calling out to him. He was the one who had raised Lazarus yesterday in Bethany... What was his name??? Jesus! So I started calling Hosanna too... Hosanna, Hosanna..

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Every Jewish child who has been to temple knows what to do. This is the children's chorus! I grab fresh palm branches and join in the singing and shouting, waving the branches high above my head! Hosanna, Hosanna..

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And then I see him. An ordinary man in ordinary clothes on a young donkey. The people are shouting and cheering, he looks so kind, not like an emperor or governor and I am still shouting and singing too! "Here is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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Rabbis, church officials and teachers of the law try to stop Jesus. They order him to silence our shouting and singing and praising God. It's getting tense. I don't know what's going to happen.

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There's a bit of silence and everyone is waiting for this man to speak. Is he going to be angry? Is he going to lose his temper and shout at them? Then in a gentle voice Jesus says to them that if he silenced the people the stones would cry out instead. So I kept on singing and cheering!

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The crowd got bigger as Jesus continued riding into Jerusalem, It was like a festival! All the crowd were singing and shouting. He was smiling and we were so full of joy. The celebrations and fun lasted for ages and people couldn't stop speaking about this wonderful and extra ordinary man.

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A week has passed and I am part of another crowd, an angry crowd. They have a man on the balcony battered and bruised—It's Jesus!! They have forgotten all the good that he has done, they are crying for his death and they have set a man who was under the death sentence for treason and terrorism is set free to do more harm! Why doesn't someone shout out - Why doesn't Jesus shout out! This is not right! I feel frightened.

Jesus is quiet, he is still kind but he look sad. The Lord we sang and praise to last week is about to be executed!

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I follow the crowd and they bring Jesus, carrying his own cross, to the terrible place called Golgotha. A scary place. The crowd insult and jeer him. They laughed when he fell. And when they get there they crucify him, the crowd stand and watch. Now the one who blessed children, who raised the dead, who taught in the temple, who healed those who were sick has been crucified. He has been put to death as if he was a killer, as if he had tried to kill the governor... But he had power over death, he didn't kill—he only loved. He lifted people up from their suffering! What will happen now this terrible thing has happened?