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We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. We are now learning about the Christian Festival of Easter.

Lesson 2: Palm Sunday

Jesus had travelled all over Israel helping people, doing miracles, and telling them about God's love. Now he was coming to the capital, the most important city. This was something the Bible had been promising for hundreds of years. It was all finally coming together, and the people were going crazy.

But there was a problem: Jesus wasn't rich like a normal king. He didn't have a big fancy horse or a big fancy army to go with him in this parade. Did you hear how Jesus fixed that problem?

Bible Verse Matthew 21:1-3

As they all approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage. It was on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent out two disciples. 2 He said to them, "Go to the village ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a donkey tied up. Her colt will be with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them. The owner will send them right away."

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Jesus and His disciples were walking towards Jerusalem when Jesus stops them. He sends 2 disciples to get Him 2 donkeys. But He doesn't say anything about paying for them. They are to go to the village and get a donkey and her colt (that means a young donkey). If there are any problems...they are just supposed to say that "The Lord needs them" and it will all be fine.

But this wasn't an accident. This was just what the Bible had promised for hundreds of years. The real king wasn't going to be fancy, but ride into the city on a donkey ... a donkey he had to borrow.

The Bible had said that Jesus was supposed to ride on a donkey's colt. Can you imagine a big important king riding on a simple little donkey? What about the big army and the fancy horse? You see Jesus wasn't a normal king trying to show he was important and force everyone to serve him. Jesus was the opposite: He came to show love and serve the people.

The disciples did what they were told to do. They went and got the donkey and the colt. A big crowd was already showing up and covering the street with their coats and branches from the trees. Remember that they didn't have paved

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roads back then - the roads were dirt. They were showing their respect to Jesus by covering the road so that He wouldn't get dirty.

They cheered for Jesus with words from the Bible. This was a big victory celebration, and everyone was excited to see what would happen next.

That was a big commotion! I bet the people in the city were wondering what was happening.

Bible verse Matthew 21:10-11

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. The people asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus made quite an entrance! People were trying to figure out who He was. Remember, there was no television back then. People had heard about Him, but they had never seen Him before. It was difficult for some of the people of Jesus' time to realise that He was God and that He was going to save them. Even his disciples would be confused and abandon Jesus later that same week.



