## Messy Palm Sunday

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Donkey Poo	Cocoa powder White fondant icing Cake cases Plastic food bags Kitchen roll Hand wipes Method: mix cocoa powder with small rolled fondant icing balls.	
Palm Praises	Green straws Green paper Cellotape Pencils Scissors Method: Cut out hand shapes x 3 or 4 and stick to straws to form a leaf shape.	
Fig Bibles	Fig rolls White icing pens Sugar dough Plastic food bags Hand wipes Plastic knives Rolling pin & board Method: Thinly slice off one side of biscuit. Cut out bookmark shape from red sugar dough. Pipe icing as in picture.	
Squonks	Overflow pipeDisposable GlovesElastic bandsPermanent markersScissorsStrawsCellotapeMethod: see separate instructions	

Donkey Hobby Horse	Stapler	Terms
	Bamboo Canes	
	Card horse head templates	A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR O
	Scissors	
	Silver & pink crayons	
	Black mane & eyelashes strips	
	Glue, Cellotape,	
	Sticky tabs	
	Method: colour head shapes with grey/silver wax crayons. Use stickt	
	tabs to secure to cane. Add mane & eyelashes.	
Cloaks on a plate	Paper plates	
-	Cloak paper shapes, Palm paper shapes	
	Jesus card shapes, Donkey card shapes	
	Hosannah words for middle	
	Wooden pegs	
	Crayons, Pencils	
	Glue	Hosen and have
	Wool for Tails	
	Scissors	
	Method: see picture	
Palm Sundaes	Green Jelly (Palm leaves)	
	Strawberry angel delight	
	Digestive biscuits (dusty road)	
	Plastic food bags, Plastic spoons	
	Jelly tubs	
	Squirty cream	
	Sprinkles	
	Hand wipes/cloths	
	Method: layer ingredients in the tubs.	
Hearts of Nails	Card Heart Templates	
	Wooden blocks	
	Round Bright Nails, Hammers	addition and the
	Black pens	
	Red wool	Jesus
	Scissors	
	First Aid Kit, Hand wipes	
	Method: use template to make pen marks on wood. Hammer nails	
	Method: use template to make pen marks on wood. Hammer nails into wood on marked dots but leaving room to wind wool. Wind wool	MothersUNION

Hosanna prayer banner	<ul> <li>Photocopy the A4 sheet and cut in half. Colour or paint and decorate with sequins, stickers, tear shapes.</li> <li>Pray as you decorate.</li> <li>The people of Jerusalem saw Jesus as their king and were full of joy and high expectations on Palm Sunday.</li> <li>Pray about how quickly events turned to sadness and how Jesus was crucified. How did his family and friends feel?</li> </ul>	
Palm Sunday Playchute game	<ul> <li>When everyone is standing and holding the playchute, give everyone a word to remember, alternating as you walk around the circle: Gate, Palm, Cloak, Donkey.</li> <li>Raise the playchute high and call out a word. Everyone who has that word runs underneath the playchute and straight to the other side and holds the playchute once more.</li> <li>Sometimes call out more than one word at once. When you call out 'Hosanna!' EVERYONE runs underneath and tries to grab the edge of the playchute before it touches the ground!</li> </ul>	

Bonus:

Here are some links.....to a story for the celebration and then other ways of telling the Holy Week story in the celebration starting of course with Palm Sunday

http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/easter-palms-for-holy-week/

http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/easter-palm-sunday/

http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/travelling-through-holy-week/

http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/easter-the-sounds-of-holy-week/

http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/holy-week-visual-aid/

### **Table Top Descriptions**

### Edible donkey poo

'Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the scripture says,' John 12: 14 Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Donkeys are known for their reliability, strong backs and feet.

Talk about why Jesus chose a donkey instead of a handsome horse, fit for a king?

### **Palm Praises**

In Bible times the palm leaf represented value and luxury. The palm tree was a necessity and produced dates, coconuts, coconut milk, sugar, flour, mats, brooms, baskets, thread, ropes, butter and soap. The people in Jerusalem cut down branches and laid them before Jesus shouting 'Hosanna!' Talk about whether the people of Jerusalem were welcoming Jesus because he was going to save them or because they saw him as the Messiah.

#### **Fig Bibles**

It is believed that Jesus ate figs on the way into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Make a Bible from a fig roll to remind you of the importance of Palm Sunday.

#### Squonks

Talk about the noise from the crowds as Jesus entered Jerusalem. They shouted and waved and greeted Jesus loudly. Make an instrument to praise Jesus with.

### **Donkey Hobby**

In Jesus' day donkeys were used by working labourers and landowners alike. Jesus would have been riding at equal level among the crowd rather than above and through the crowd.

Talk about how it was not glorious being a donkey but respected as a trusted animal, faithful and strong. Can you carry Christ in your everyday lives?

### **Cloaks on a Plate**

'A large crowd of people spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.' Matthew 12:8 In Jesus' time people wore cloaks to protect them for the hot sun rays and also the colder nights and winds. It was a cloak of protection.

Talk about how Jesus may have felt when people honoured him by taking off their cloaks and placing them on the ground before him.

### Palm Sundaes

The people of Jerusalem were overjoyed to see Jesus. Create a Palm Sundae to celebrate this important occasion. The green jelly reminds us of the palm leaves and the biscuit reminds us of the dusty road.

### Hearts of nails

Palm Sunday is at the start of Holy Week. By Good Friday the people of Jerusalem will have become angry with Jesus and wanted him crucified on the cross.

Talk about how much love Jesus has for us even though he was killed on the cross. He forgives our sins and we can love him forever, as he loves us.

#### Prayer banner

The people of Jerusalem saw Jesus as their king and were full of joy and high expectations on Palm Sunday. Events quickly turned to sadness and Jesus was crucified within days. Pray about how Jesus' friends and family felt during this strange week.

## Squonk

Decorate a small piece of pipe (Approx 21 mm x 40 cms overflow pipe works well) with permanent markers.

Stretch the wrist of the latex disposable glove (check allergies!) over one of the ends of your pipe and fix with an elastic band.

Cut a small hole in the thumb of the glove. Insert the end of the drinking straw through the hole and seal with sellotape.

#### To play your squonk:

Tension the glove so that it is flat across the bottom of your pipe, forming a light seal.

Blow very hard through the straw so that the glove inflates and the part tensioned across the bottom of the pipe vibrates. (It may take a bit of practice!)



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