

## GOOD FRIDAY 1. INSTRUCTIONS

### PALM SUNDAY

#### AIM

To understand that Jesus was worshipped and greeted by ordinary people when he rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. By drawing around their hands and feet and sticking these outlines and palm branches to the picture they will have the message that there were crowds of people. Some of the children might start to think about why the joy and expectation turned so quickly to hate.

John 12:13

*They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"*

#### YOU WILL NEED

- Large sheets of paper e.g. flip chart paper, either taped together and stuck on a door or cupboard, or on a table.
- Felt pens or crayons to draw around feet and hands
- Selection of colours and papers to make hand and footprint shapes
- Scissors varying sizes, left and right handed.
- Green crepe paper for palm leaves and brown card or thin sticks to stick palm leaves on.
- Several glue sticks or other non-dripping glue.
- Tape to join leaves onto sticks

#### WHAT TO DO

1. Enlarge the drawing of Jesus on the donkey to fit in the middle of your paper and leave space for lots to be stuck around and above him.
2. Ask the children to draw around their hand(s) and bare feet/foot. They should then cut these out, with help if necessary and stick them onto the picture of Jesus riding the donkey.
3. Palm leaves can be made and stuck around Jesus.

Talk to the children about who all the people were who came to greet Jesus. Make the point that these weren't religious people, they were ordinary folk. What do the children think was the reason for all this excitement?

Did you know that less than a week later the people were calling for Jesus to be crucified? What do you think had changed?