

Hosanna Sunday family bible discussion

After reading the gospel (John 12:12-22) ask your children to explain the gospel in their own words and what they think happened. Then go through the following points.

- **Did you know that Jesus riding a donkey into the city of Jerusalem was foretold in the Old Testament?**

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9

- **Why does Jesus come riding on a donkey?**

Jesus is King and kings usually rode in fancy carriages with horses, so why does Jesus ride into the city on a donkey? Jesus is showing us that he has come for the rich and the poor. This made people realise that Jesus is the ‘King’ mentioned in the book of Zechariah.

- **Why do we hold candles during the procession?**

Children hold candles to symbolise that Jesus is the light of the world and that he has come to redeem us.