

## Yr 2 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Great Fast Palm Flowery Sunday John 12:1-18

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of life, come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls.

Царю небесний, утішителю, Душе істини, що всюди єси і все наповняєш, скарбе дібр і життя подателю, прийди і вселися в нас, і очисти нас від усякої скверни, і спаси, благий, душі наші

**Gospel:** [John 12:1-18](#) - Click here to read the Gospel. Read to the children from *Paraclete Bible for Toddlers Pg. 326*, *Paraclete Bible for Kids Pg. 317*, *The Preschoolers Bible, Pg. 356* or watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPoolA-hjA8> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

**Lesson:** Jesus is the promised King of Peace.

Today is Palm Sunday, the last Sunday before the most important Feast of the year!

What is that Feast? Easter!

How did Jesus ride into town? On a donkey!

Do you know why he rode a donkey?

A long time before Jesus was born God had told the people through a prophet that the Saviour would come riding a donkey and that is just what Jesus did! The people were super excited because they had heard about all the miracles and healings and other wonderful things Jesus had done and when they saw him riding on the donkey, they knew that Jesus was the Saviour they had waited for, for so long!

In those days when a king rode into a town on a donkey, it meant that he was coming in peace not war. A king riding on a horse meant that he was bringing war. So, Jesus is a King of Peace! Today we will make donkey puppets to remind us that Jesus - the King of Peace and the Saviour of all comes riding a donkey today!

On Palm Sunday, we bless pussy willows to remember how the people welcomed Jesus because we don't have palms growing here. So, we also call Palm Sunday "Flowery Sunday." The new little buds of the pussy willows remind us of the new life that Jesus brings us. We put them in a special place in our homes.

**Craft:** Donkey Paper Bag Puppet

**In Church:** Listen and watch as Father blesses the pussy willows. Feel the excitement!