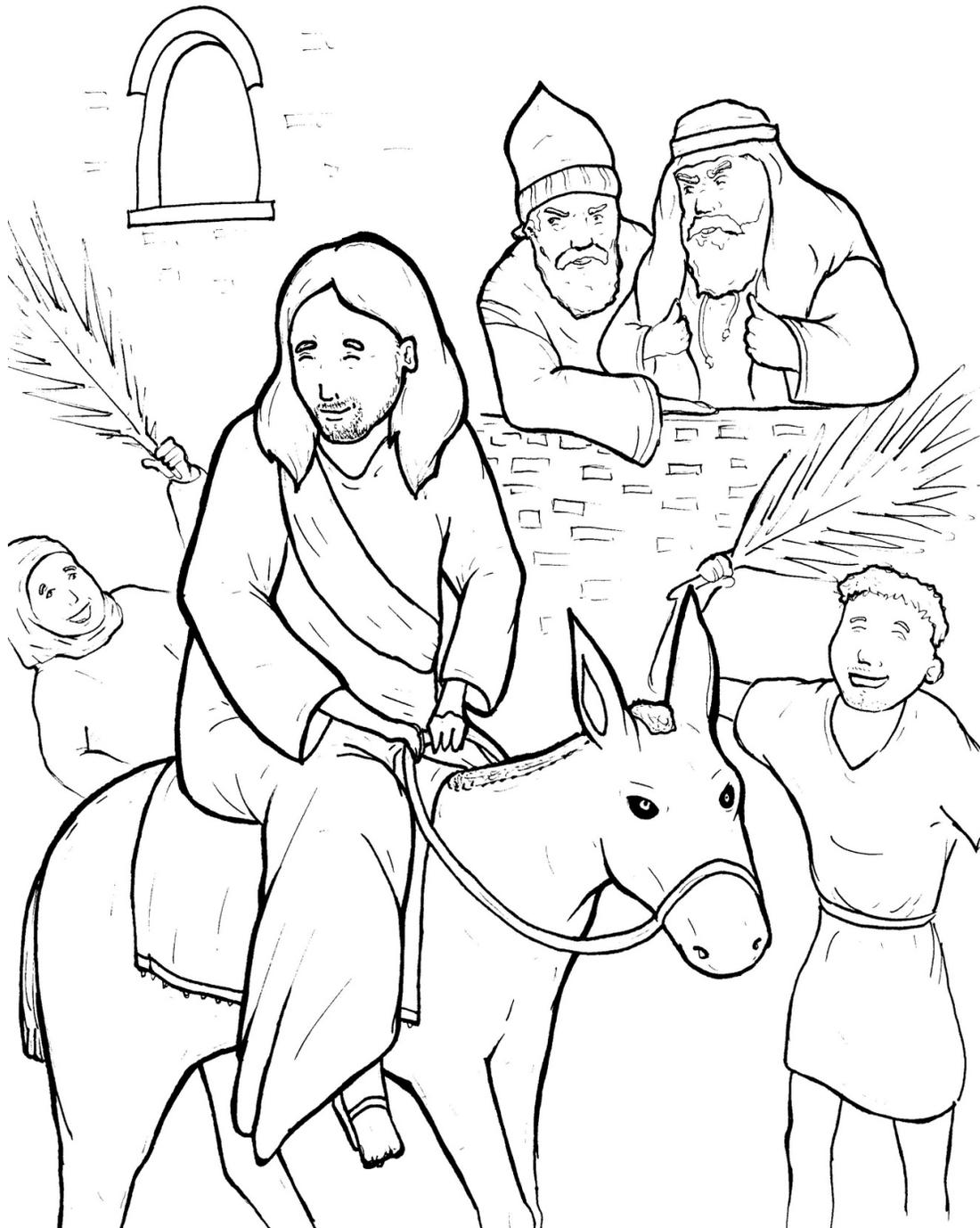


Children Praise Jesus

Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12



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John 12:18

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Jesus went around Galilee and nearby lands. He healed the sick. He told stories about heaven. He showed the people that he was God.

Some believed. Some did not. The leaders got mad. "A man cannot be God!" they yelled.

Jesus knew that his time to die would soon come. He told his disciples, "Go near the city of Jerusalem. You will find a little donkey. Bring it to me. The owner will let you."

The disciples obeyed. Jesus sat on the donkey. The children ran to him. They clapped their hands with joy. They shouted, "Hosanna!" This is a praise word.

People laid their cloaks on the road. Jesus rode along their path. They cut leaves from palm trees. They waved the palm leaves. "Blessed is the King!" the crowd shouted. "He comes in the name of the Lord!"

The leaders growled, "We must stop this."

Jesus said, "If the people keep quiet, the stones will cry out. Even the rocks will praise me."

The leaders said to themselves, "See! The whole world has gone after him, and not after us. We will stop it."

Questions

1. What did the children understand that even some of the adults did not?
2. Jesus was always kind and good. Why were the leaders mad?
3. Some believed; some did not. Some praised Jesus; some did not. Will you praise Jesus? For what?

Write a Prayer:

Write your own prayer of praise in the palm leaves.

