

Lent 5A:

The Triumphant Entry

Storyteller: ... unrolls the road underlay. Place several of the figures on the road .

A large crowd was in Jerusalem for Passover. *Place a couple more of the figures on the road holding the doll-sized palm branches.* When they

Luke 19:28-40

When Jesus had finished saying all this, he went on toward Jerusalem. As he was getting near Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said. While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked, "Why are you doing that?"

They answered, "The Lord needs it."

Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. When Jesus was starting down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. They shouted,

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory to God."

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!"

But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

heard that Jesus was coming for the festival, they took palm branches and went out to greet him. They shouted,

"Hooray!

God bless the one who comes

in the name of the Lord!

God bless the King of Israel!"

Pick up Jesus in one hand and the donkey in the other, and hold them out to the children. Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the Scriptures say,

***"People of Jerusalem,
don't be afraid!***

***Your King is now coming,
and he is riding
on a donkey."***

Place Jesus on the donkey and move them up the road toward Jerusalem. At first, Jesus' disciples did not understand. But after he had been given his glory, they remembered all this. Everything had happened exactly as the Scriptures said it would.

Story Materials

- Road underlay
- doll-sized silk palm branches
- New testament figures:
 - Jesus
 - Apostles
 - donkey