



# Open Up Easter

## Day 1 – Palm Sunday



### Start the day with praise!

A song to sing to start the day: There's a name above all names

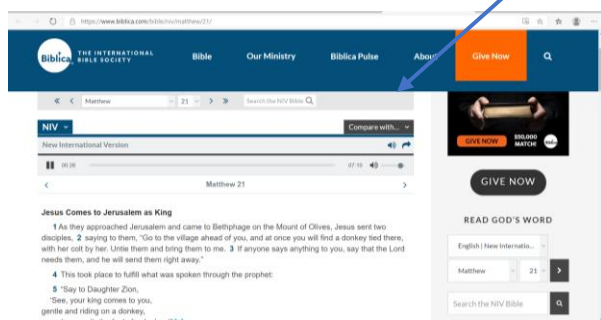
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jmnLdJRbPM>

### Bible Reading

Matthew 21:1 - 11

You can find this at <https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/matthew/21/>

You can choose to have it read to you (press audio icon at the top of the page)



### Story

Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Everyone was very excited.

The people of Jerusalem were excited about all the miracles that Jesus had done – healing the sick, making the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, making the lame to walk and even raising the dead!

The people of Jerusalem were looking forward to God sending a chosen ruler to lead them. They were excited that Jesus could be this special person.

They shouted out their praise to Jesus saying 'Hosanna, to the Son of David', 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord', and 'Hosanna in the highest'.

Hosanna means 'save'. The people were waiting for a mighty and strong King who would save them.

### Learning

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the King of Kings and Jesus is God.

But he didn't come to save people a long time ago from Roman rulers.

He came to save us all of us from the worst ruler that we all have – ourselves – that we want to be in control and ignore God and all His good gifts.

We need to praise God as our King just like the people did back then.

### Song

Today's song is "Hosanna"

You can sing along here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5582z642wFY>

## **Open Up Easter Cross Craft**

Print a copy of the Cross Craft template onto A4 card (template provided on this website)  
Either find a small leaf in your garden to represent a palm leaf that the people waved. Or make a leaf out of paper. Stick this on the 'Day 1' rectangle.  
You can write 'Palm Sunday' and 'Hosanna' next to it if you want to.

## **Additional Craft**

See other crafts provided on the website and a few additional ideas below.

Clothes Peg donkey craft <http://cecwd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Palm-Sunday-Donkey-Craft.pdf>

Palm branch crafts <http://www.meetpenny.com/2014/04/3-easy-palm-sunday-craft-ideas/>

Origami Donkey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90plWB06gbw>

Origami Palm Leaf <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fza2s2UnFZw>

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