Children's Church at home 5 April 2020

Philippians 2:5-11 and Matt 21:1-11

Craft ingredients: card, 3 clothes pegs, scraps of material if you have any (or a J cloth, perhaps) pens or paint, scissors, Pritt stick, Sellotape.

Ask the children if they remember last week's story. (Jesus brought Lazarus back to life; craft was to make Lazarus and his tomb.)

Introduction: what's your favourite animal? Have you ever ridden on a pony, or a horse, or a donkey? What was it like? Have you ever been in a parade or a carnival?

Story: Read about how Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Read Lion First Bible P422-3, or your own Bible, and / or watch this video

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYgdE

This is a fun song with actions:

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Sing+Hosanna+Palm+Sunday&&view=detail&mid=B6A2F65B2 61E047D694DB6A2F65B261E047D694D&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DSin g%2BHosanna%2BPalm%2BSunday%26Form%3DVDRSCL%26%3D0

Quiz: where was Jesus going? What did he ask his friends to fetch for him? What did the people do?

Activity: play a guessing game: one person pretends to be an animal and the others have to guess what it is, or alternatively, 20 questions: one person thinks of an animal and the others have 20 questions to find out what it is.

Craft: make a donkey and some robes to throw down in front of him. You could make Jesus and some palm leaves too. See my video. If you don't have any pegs, just make the donkey and Jesus out of folded paper or card and draw the donkey some legs! If they won't stand up, stick them on a piece of paper and make a collage.

Prayer: Start by praying a blessing on each of the people in the room, families and friends, near and far.

Father God, thank you for loving me so much, thank you for Mummy and Daddy ….and … and … and … please bless them all. Amen.
Lord Jesus, you rode a donkey into Jerusalem and people shouted 'Hosanna! Welcome! Glory to God' we welcome you too and we say Glory to God! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.