

# People Praise Jesus

Matthew 21:1-11,15,16; Luke 19:28-38

## Friends Find a Donkey

What a happy day it was! Jesus and His friends were going to the Temple in the big city of Jerusalem. On the way, Jesus stopped. He said to His friends, "There is a little donkey in the town. Untie it and bring it to Me."

Jesus' friends did just as He asked them. They found the donkey and brought it back to Jesus. Jesus climbed on the donkey's back and began riding to the big city. Clippety-clop, clippety-clop went the donkey's feet. Jesus' friends walked along the road with Him.

## People Welcome Jesus

Many other people were walking along the road to Jerusalem, too. There were girls and boys, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas. They were excited to see Jesus! Some people were so happy to see Jesus that they spread their coats on the road in front of Him. This showed that Jesus was special.

Other people cut branches from palm trees and laid them on the road for Jesus' donkey to walk on. That showed that Jesus was special, too! What a happy day it was!

## Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Some people ran ahead to tell others, "Jesus is coming! JESUS is coming!" And even MORE people came to see Jesus. They laughed and sang. They shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" ("Hosanna" is a special word the people used to welcome Jesus.)

It was a wonderful day in the big city of Jerusalem! The children praised Jesus. The moms and dads praised Jesus. The grandparents praised Jesus. EVERYONE who loved Jesus praised Him by singing happy songs to Him. It was a happy day for the people who loved Jesus.

### Conclusion

**The people in Jerusalem were glad to praise Jesus! We can praise Jesus, too. We can tell Him we love Him. We can sing songs to thank Him.**

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**“Sing praises to the Lord.”**  
 Psalm 9:11



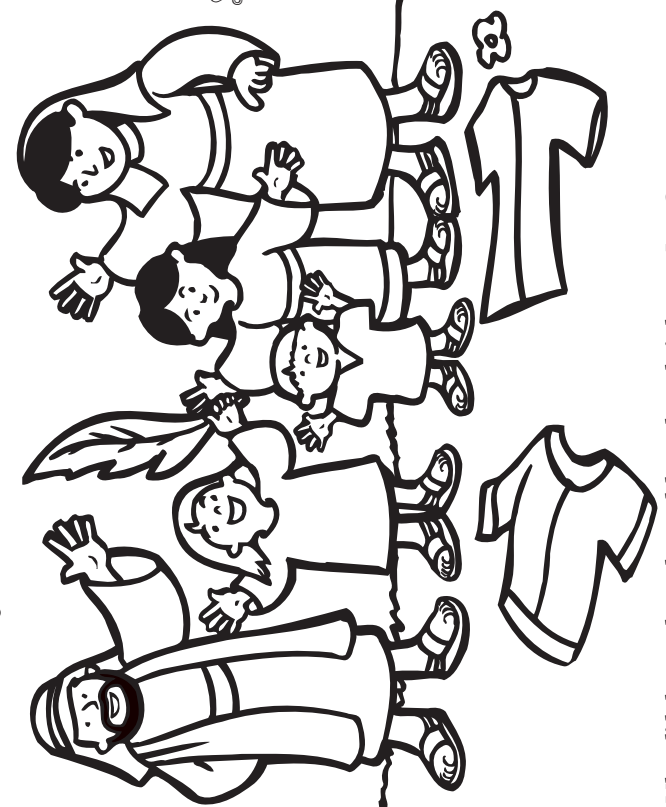
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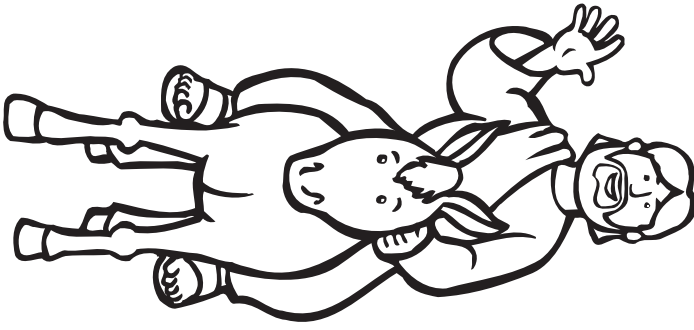
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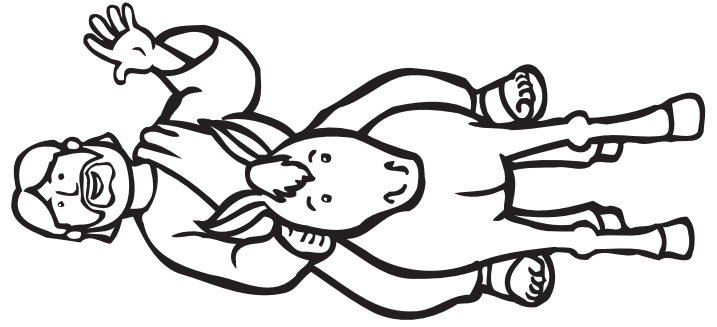
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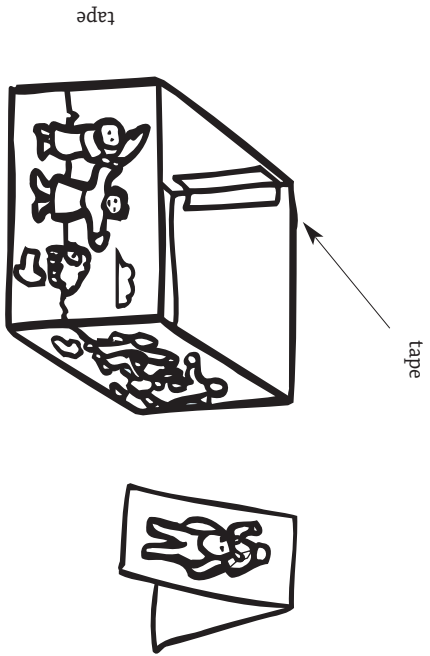


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- Child cuts and folds page sections and Jesus figure. Child tapes sections of page together in any order to form a story square (see sketch on back of this page).
- Child moves Jesus figure around story square to show story action.

- What did the people on the road do to show their love to Jesus?
- What can we do to praise and thank Jesus?

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# Jesus Dies and Lives Again

Matthew 26:1-4,47-50; 27:11-66; John 18—20:20

## The Sad Words

One day Jesus told His friends, “In a few days, some people are going to take Me away. I’m going to be killed.” Jesus’ friends were very sad. But Jesus was not afraid. Jesus knew this was part of God’s good plan. Jesus knew He wouldn’t STAY dead!

## The Sad Day

When the people who wanted to kill Jesus came to get Him, Jesus let them take Him. And Jesus let them kill Him on a cross. Jesus’ friends were very sad that Jesus had died. They took Jesus’ body and put it into a tomb. (This tomb was a little room made in the side of a hill.) Later, a heavy stone was rolled in front of the doorway of the tomb so that no one could go in or out. It was a very sad and scary time, but it didn’t STAY sad and scary!

## The Glad Day

On the third morning, one of Jesus’ friends named Mary came to the tomb. It was still a little dark, but she could see that the big rock was NOT in front of the door. Mary was very sad. She looked into the tomb and saw two angels.

One angel asked, “Why are you crying?”

Mary said, “Because Jesus is gone, and I don’t know where He is.”

She turned around and almost bumped into someone. “Mary!” the person said. Mary knew that voice—it was JESUS! Mary was so happy to know that Jesus is alive!

Jesus said to her, “Go and tell the others.” And Mary did! She must have run very fast!

“Jesus is ALIVE! I have seen Him!” she said. Jesus’ other friends were so surprised, some of them did not believe her. But that night, Jesus came to the place where His friends were. Now

Jesus’ friends SAW Jesus alive. They knew that He loved them! The very SAD day had turned into a very GLAD day—because Jesus is alive!

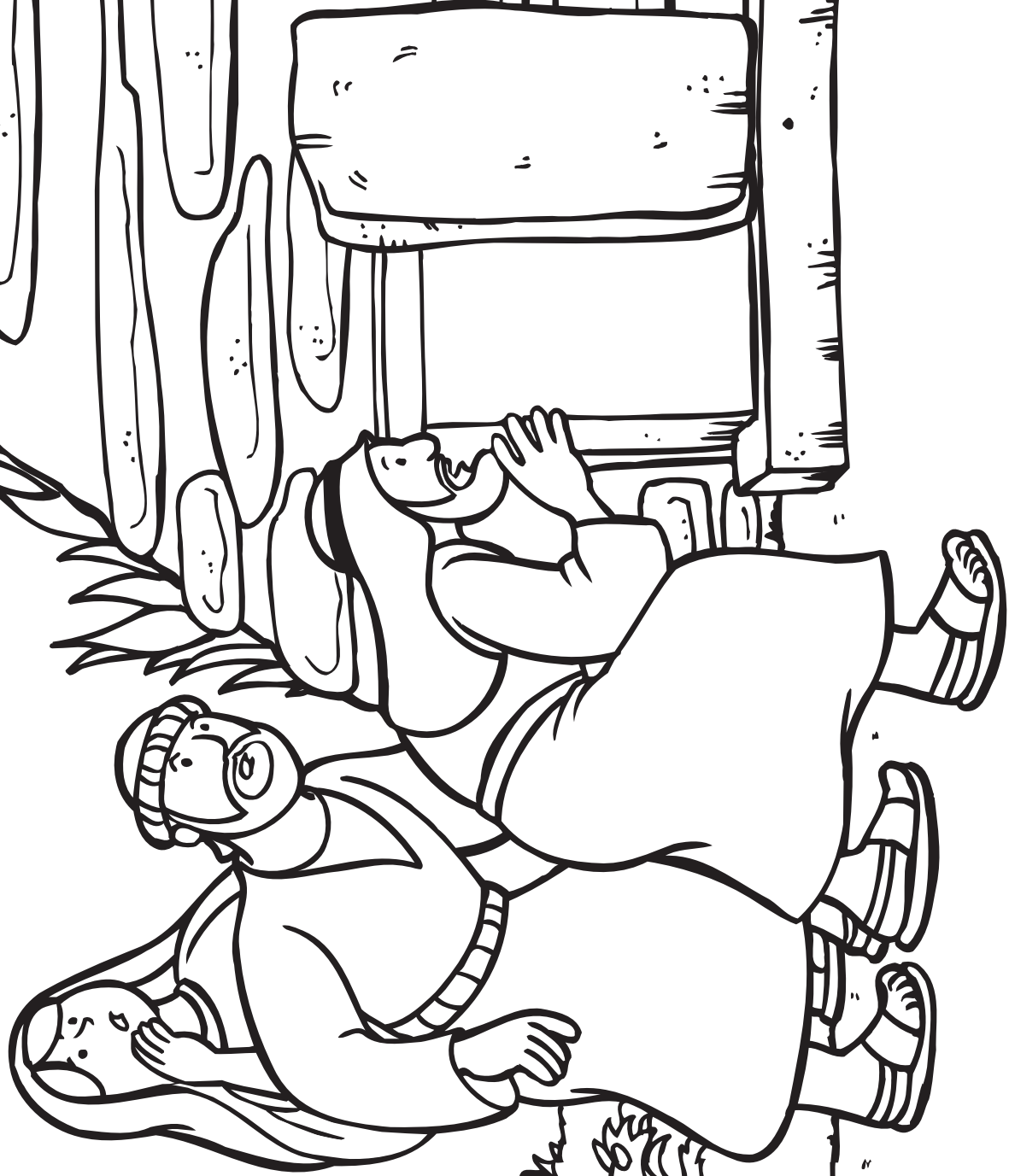
### Conclusion

**Jesus’ friends were so glad when they saw that Jesus is alive. Jesus’ friends knew how much Jesus loved them. Jesus loves us, too. We’re glad He is alive and that He loves us.**

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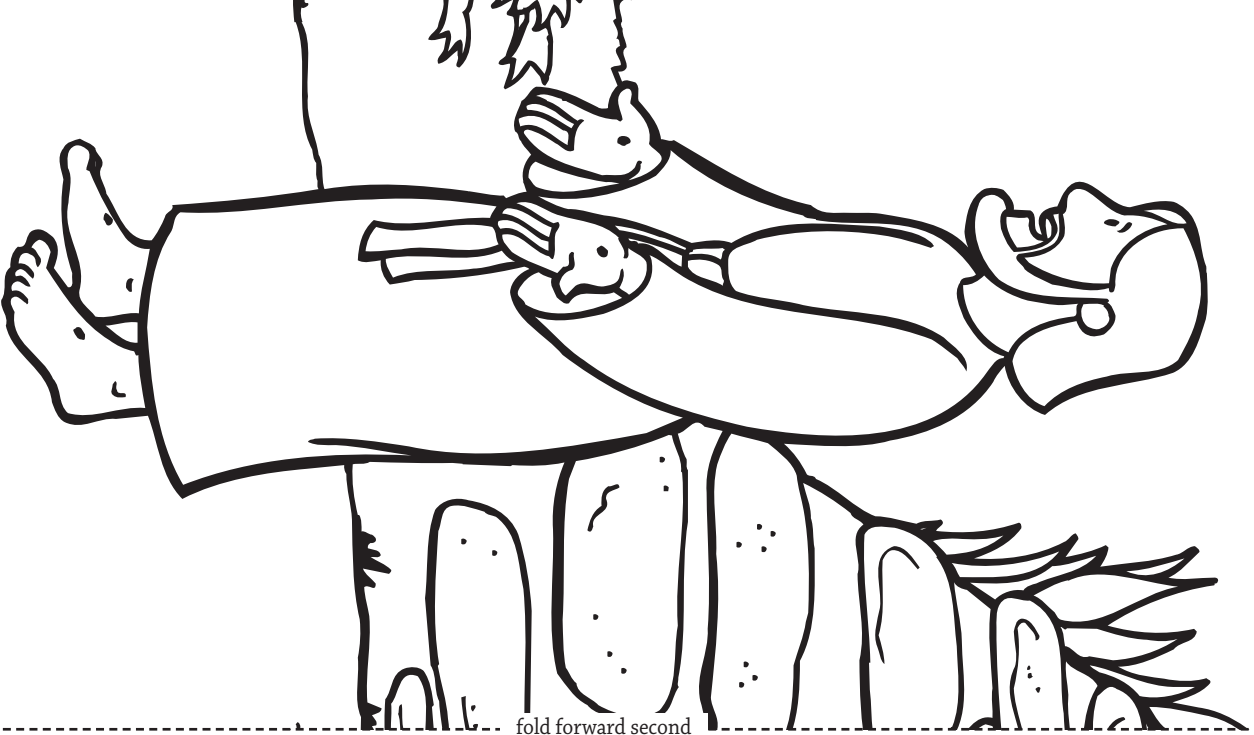
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- Child colors page.
- Child folds page to retell story action (see sketches on back of this page).

- What did Jesus' friends see when they came to the tomb?
- At Eastertime, why can we be glad?

**“It is true! The Lord  
has risen.”**  
Luke 24:34



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