



Craft Activity Pack

Aimed at families with Children
but fun for all ages!

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK 2021

**Jesus enters Jerusalem, The Last Supper
and Good Friday.**

Mark 14:1 – end of 15 , John 13:1-17, 31b-35 , 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 & John 18:1 – 19:42

The Holy Week Journey

This Holy Week we journey with Jesus as the community of faith at St Mary's Thorpe and we experience together the road to the Cross of Calvary and the joy of the new dawn, the resurrection of Jesus our Lord and King!

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday marks the start of our Holy Week Journey, beginning with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as People gathered in the streets, laying down their cloaks, and collecting branches from trees to wave, as Jesus their long anticipated King passed them by, riding upon a donkey. He was solemnly entering as a humble King of peace.

Traditionally, entering the city on a donkey symbolizes arrival in peace, rather than as a war-waging king arriving on a horse for Jesus was different, the King of Love.

As the week continues we see that shouts of 'Hosanna' change into the sombre note of rejection, as Jesus is betrayed by Judas, before he joins with his disciples to wash their feet at the Last Supper and then after the watch and agony in the garden, before our Lord is arrested. Shouts of joy give way to the pain and suffering of his passion and death upon the cross of Calvary. Yet Jesus is still King, crowned with thorns and by his death and resurrection he overcomes the sting of death and sin and all that separates humanity from God's love.

Jesus is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost and the burden of sin lifted by the power of his resurrection.

"Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Mark Palm Sunday by placing a branch on your door!

What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday? It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. We may be physically isolated, but not separated.

We are united as the body of Christ.

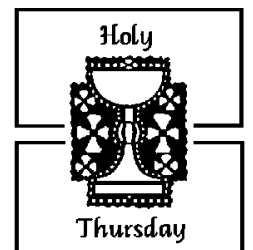
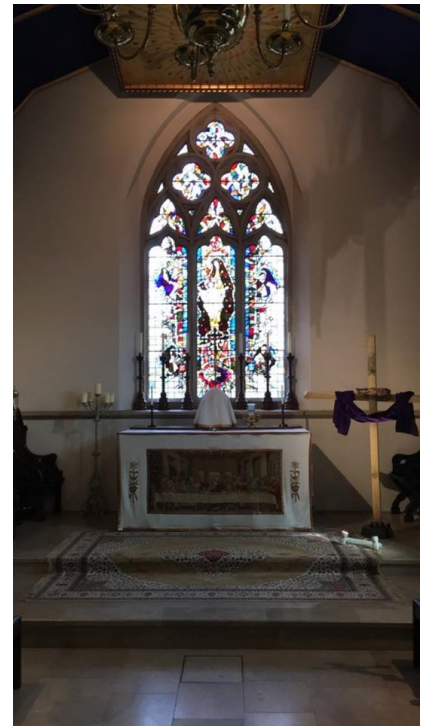


Maundy Thursday

The word 'Maundy' is a derivation of the traditional anthem for this evening 'Mandatum novum do vobis'; A new commandment I give unto you'. (John 13.34)

This evening we remember and celebrate the most Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper with the washing of feet, stripping the altar and vigil of prayer. The first emphasis this evening is of love and service. As part of our devotions, those who wish are encouraged to have their feet washed, just as Jesus washed the feet of his

disciples. The second emphasis is the Lord's Supper in which Jesus promises to be present with us when we 'do this in remembrance of him'; the theme of redemption makes the Eucharist a prefiguring of the new life of Easter day. Maundy Thursday marks a new beginning with Christ that will change our lives as we draw ever close to our Lord through his Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection, as experienced spiritually in Holy Communion. From this point on, our Christian worship is a continuum through to Easter Morning. Our third emphasis, the Vigil of Prayer that concludes this service, underlines this continuity. We watch and wait with the Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.







Roots

Children's Sheet

Today's Bible reading

Matthew 21: 1-11

Jesus rides a colt into Jerusalem. He is welcomed with joy as the people sing Hosanna!

How do you
welcome
Jesus?

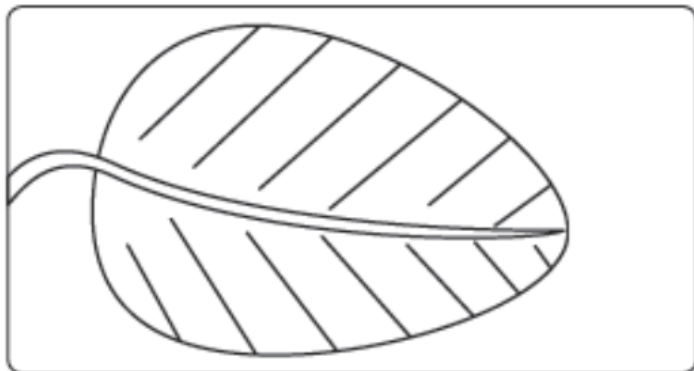


PRAYER

We welcome you, Lord Jesus,
into all that we do.
Help us to worship you every day.
Amen.

Activity 1

Think about all the praise words you know. Add one to each section of the palm branch.



Activity 2

Unscramble the letters to see what people shouted, and then write one of your own to try on other people.



Live in faith

Today is the first day of Holy Week. We remember Jesus died and rose again. Every morning this week, welcome Jesus into your day and thank him for his love for us.

Check it out

Read any children's book telling the Easter story. Try to read it a few times during the week so that the anticipation builds.

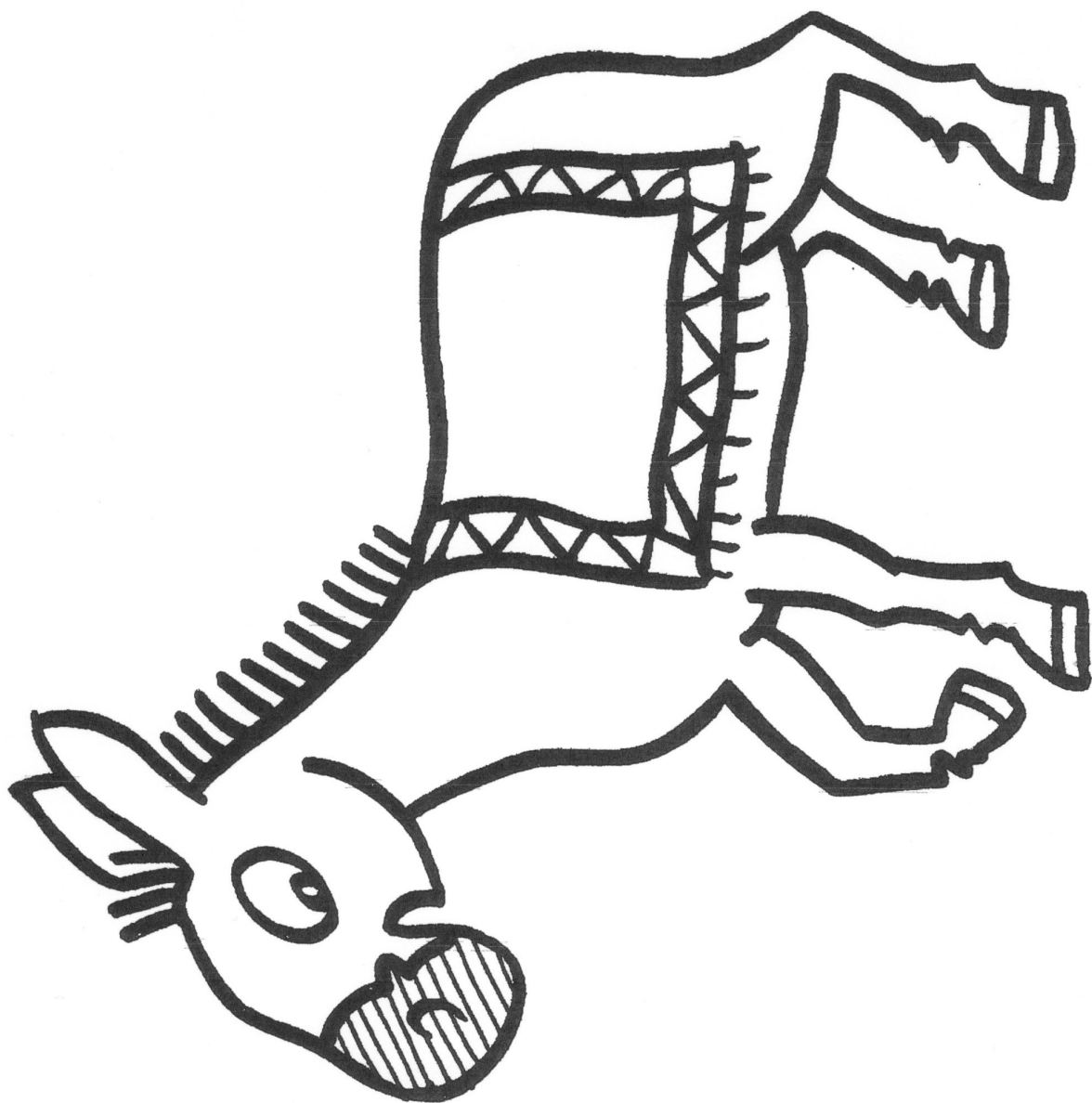
Jesus enters Jerusalem

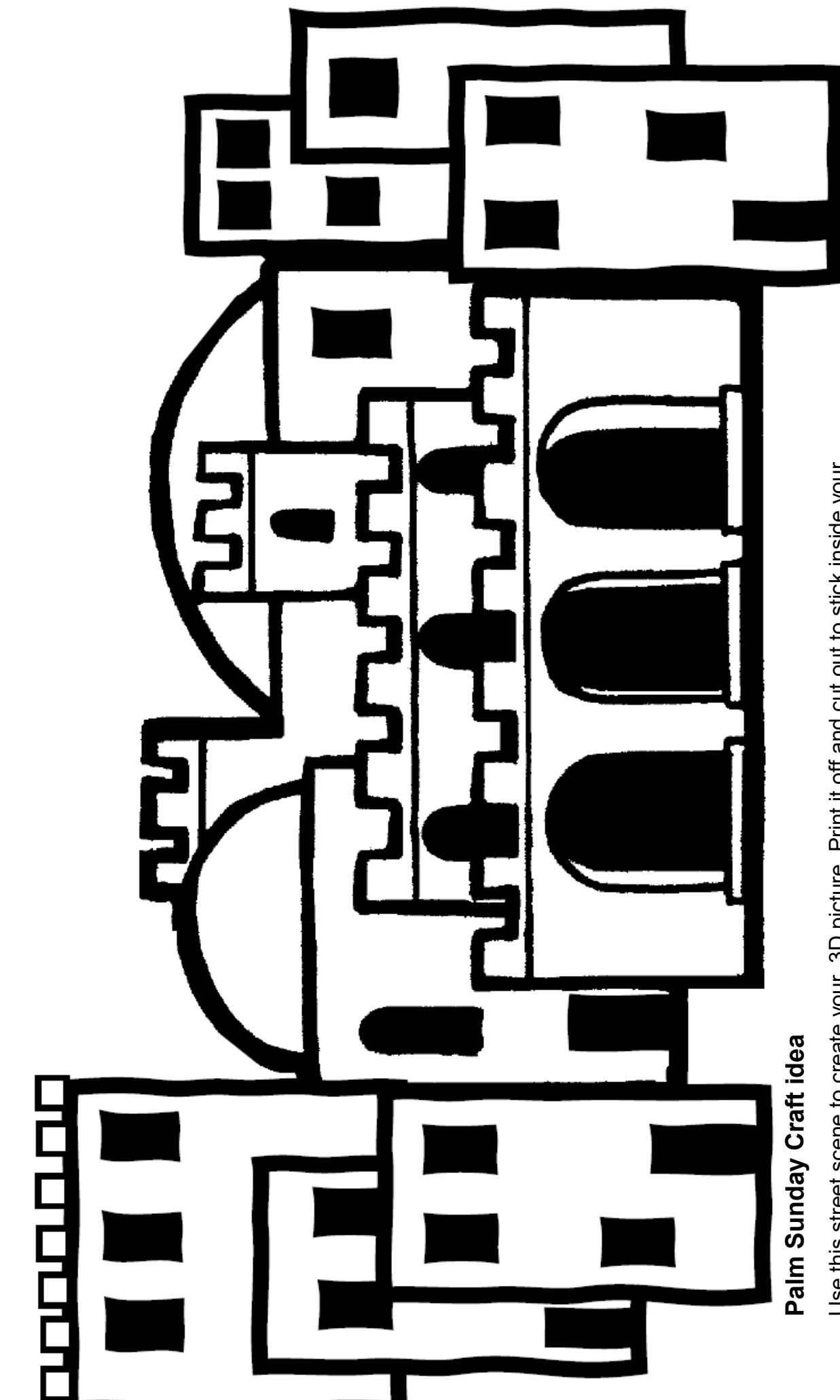




Palm Sunday Craft idea

1. Print off this page.
2. Cut out the characters
3. Colour Jesus and the donkey
4. Using a cardboard cereal box, create a scene - a background of houses, a path and some palm trees.
5. Affix Jesus to the donkey and add into your 3D scene.





Palm Sunday Craft idea

Use this street scene to create your 3D picture. Print it off and cut out to stick inside your box—or use it as a basis for painting your own!

Craft Activity Palm Sunday Branches (using hands!)



You will need: Green paper or old paper/re-cycled card and green pens/paint
A strip of card or lolly pop stick to make the branch

1. Draw round your hand several times to create the plan leaves.
2. Cut out the shapes—you will need up to five per branch.
3. Glue/stick onto the lolly pop stick or card strip.

Messy idea: You could use hand prints (using green paint!) onto paper or card, allow them to dry and then cut out and assemble!

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION AROUND YOUR HOME OR GARDEN!

This song is easy to sing as you walk around with your children waving their palm branches! Follow the link below to the music on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNmGFN8SYuw>

**We have a King who rides a donkey, we have a King who rides a donkey,
we have a King who rides a donkey. And his name is Jesus!**

***Jesus the king is risen, Jesus the king is risen,
Jesus the king is risen, early in the morning!***

Trees are waving a royal welcome (x3) For the King called Jesus!

Sing hosanna, praise the Saviour (x3) For the Lord named Jesus!

We have a King who cares for people (x3) And his name is Jesus!

What shall we do with your life this morning (x3) Give it up in service!

Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem in advance of the Passover Feast. At this point in time the crowds love him and are excited that he has come. There is great hope and anticipation about who he is and what that means. They greet him like a king, and wave palms and cheer as he processes into the city.

Bible Study

Some of these you can think about by yourself, others you might need a grown-ups help, or a book about Jesus, or google!

1. What animals does Jesus travel into Jerusalem on ?
2. What does that tell us about him? What kind of person is he, with what character?
3. He links this plan with a prophecy from the Old Testament – what does that suggest?
4. Why do you think the crowds put cloaks and palms along the road for Jesus to travel on?
5. What does Hosanna mean?
6. Why do the crowds call him 'Son of David'?
7. Who do the crowds say Jesus is by the end of the passage?
8. Think about all the different names and identities given to Jesus in this passage – what do you think of them and what they mean?
9. Who is Jesus to you? What titles might you give him?
10. What do you think the mood was? How do you feel when you think about Jesus and spending time with him?

Activities

Challenge 1 Can you make a Palm Sunday scene out of Lego?! Maybe you have a lego donkey, or some other animal that would work? Have you got lego trees or will you make your own palm trees? How many lego people have you got to be the disciples and the crowd. Can you find some little leaves in your garden that could go in the lego people's hands?

Once you've built the scene, take a photo and send it to Fr Damian at church and we'll put what we can on the website for everyone to enjoy!

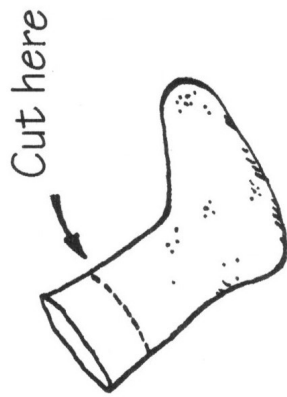
Challenge: Lots of churches across the Church of England are taking part in two alternative palm celebrations – branches outside their front doors and posting photos on Facebook of you waving the palm branches you have made!



For parents to pray with your child

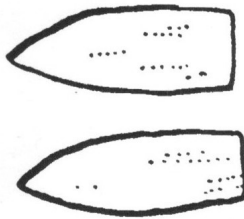
**Donkey riding, donkey riding,
hear the children sing!
Donkey riding, donkey riding,
'JESUS IS OUR KING!'**

(Rattle some keys or bottle tops in a bag)



Old grey or brown sock

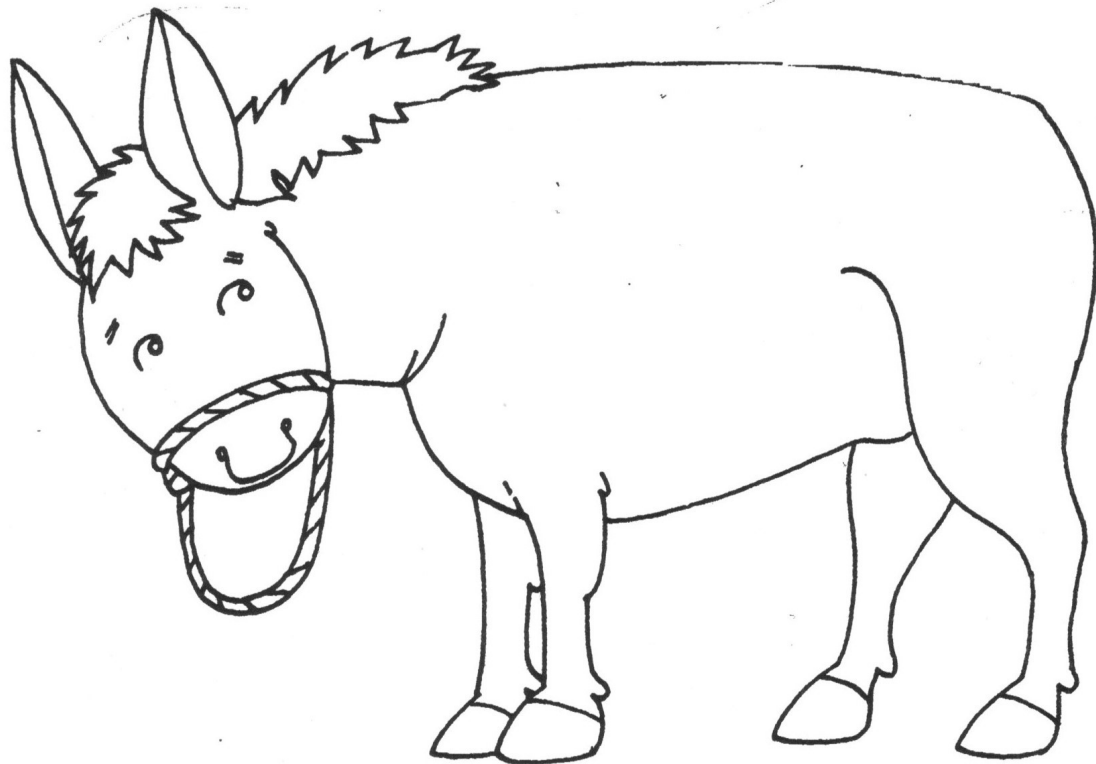
Two ear
shapes cut
from the sock



- Stick on ears and wool
- Colour on the eyes
- Wear on your hand and say the prayer

Make a
donkey

Colour me then try
and put my tail on
the right place

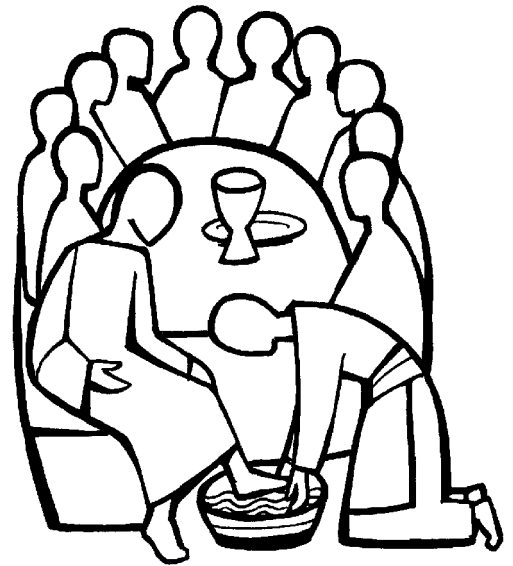


Emotions towards others

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
John 13:34.

You will need

- A4 plain paper and pencils
- Coloured pencils or crayons
- Felt pens
- Copies of the local paper
- Glue stick
- Ideas for a charity that your group could support



How it works

Explain that no one will see what the children write down.

Ask the children to write on a piece of paper a list of people they actually know and like (i.e. not famous people they have never met). Now write down a list of people they do not like. Once completed, ask why they like the people on one list and why they don't like the people on the other list. Which is the longer list? Is this significant?

Look together at the *Rules* book you started in Activity 25 (if you've already done it!). Perhaps the children could talk about the people they listed and whether they break the rules (without naming any names!).

Look through a local paper at articles about people who have helped someone else. Cut the articles out and stick them in the *Rules* book under the heading 'Love one another'. Write a short story about someone showing love to another person they don't particularly like. Illustrate it.

Design a poster to put up in your bedroom, to remind you that God wants you to love one another.

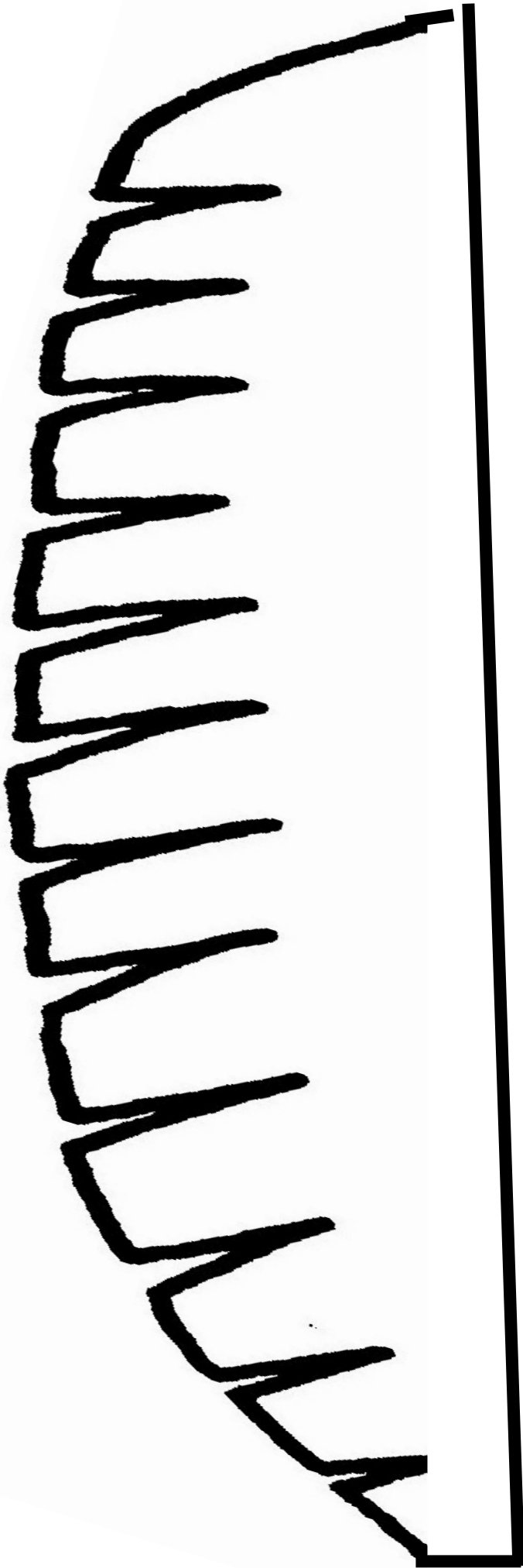
Talky bit

If your group does not support a charity perhaps they could think of a charity they could support. If it were a local charity it could be more relevant for the children. You could support just one person, e.g. a child who needs special equipment.

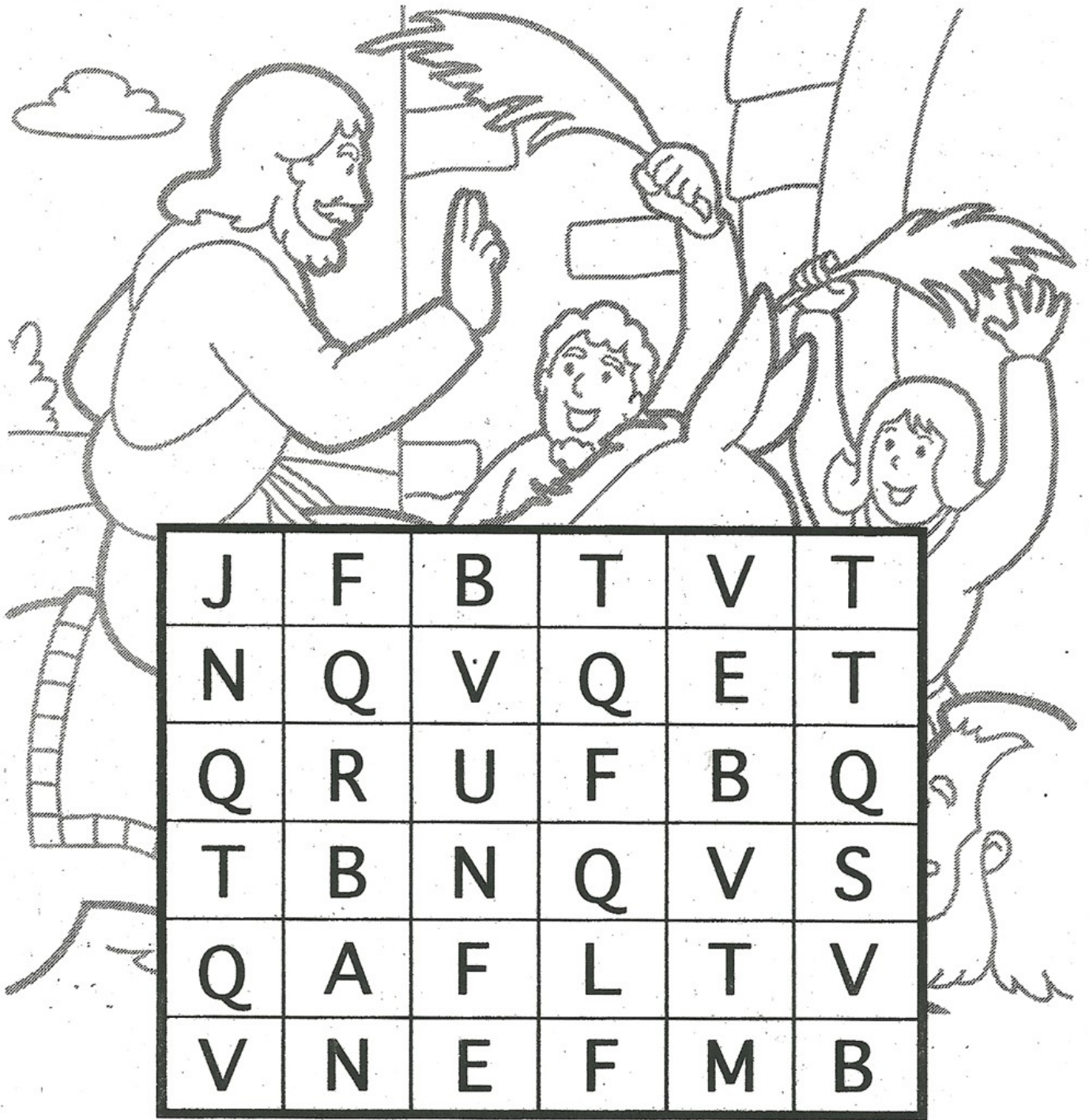
Come prepared with suggestions. How could you support that charity? List some ideas. Alternatively, the children might like to think about it in the coming week and return with suggestions on what (or whom) to support and ways to support it/them.

This is a perfect way of showing that you love one another, as commanded in this week's verse.



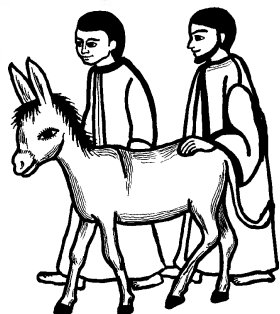


*Print out and colour
in green ready to
re-enact the
procession on Palm
Sunday when Jesus
entered Jerusalem.*



What city was Jesus entering? Solve this puzzle and find out. Cross out every F, V, B, T, N, and Q in the grid. Then, list all of the remaining letters in the spaces below. List them in the order which they appear from left to right, and top to bottom. You can also look up the answer in Matthew 21:10.

Jesus entered the city of _____.



ANSWER: JERUSALEM

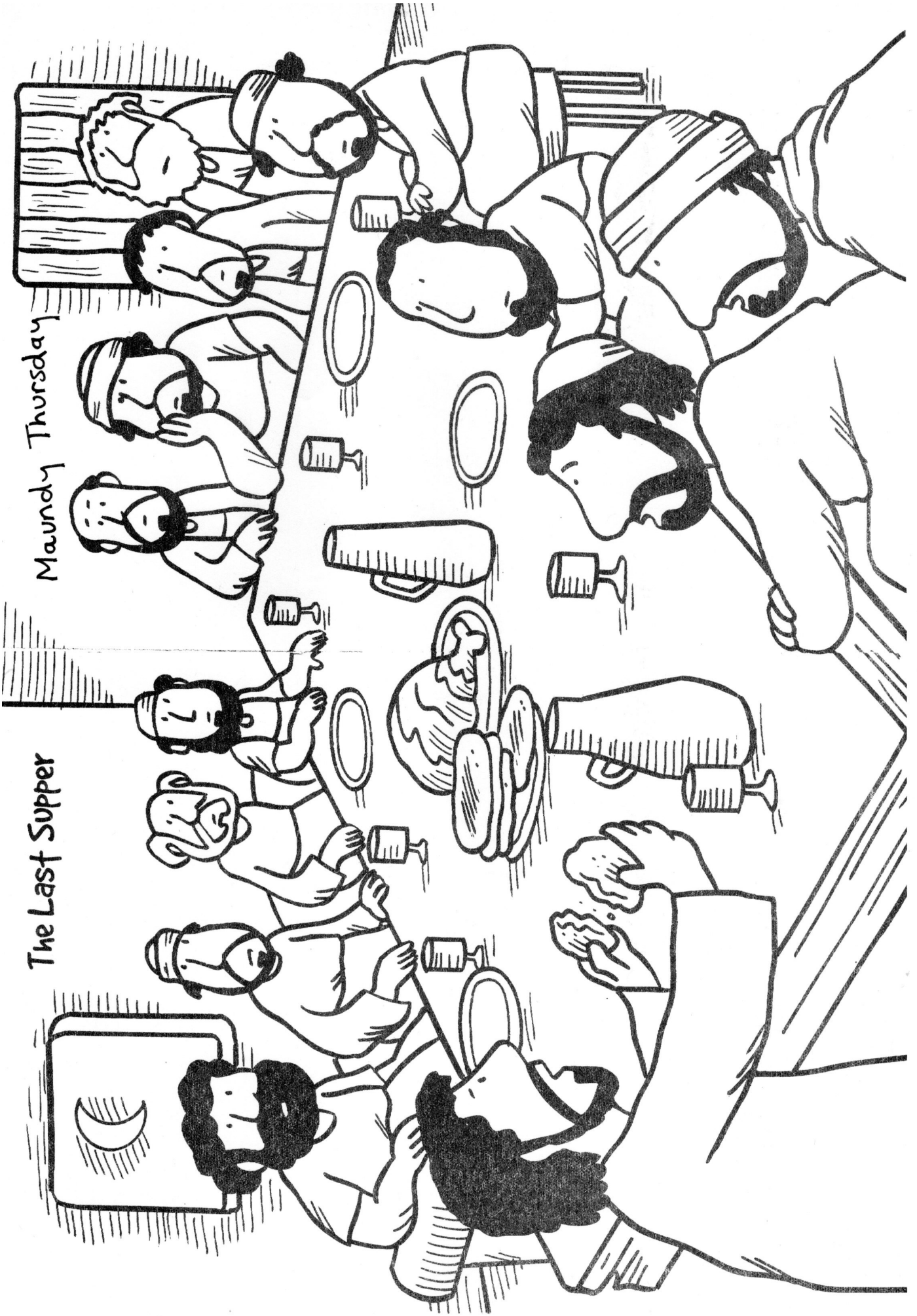


Maundy Thursday



Jesus washes the disciple's feet and teaches them to love one another

The Last Supper

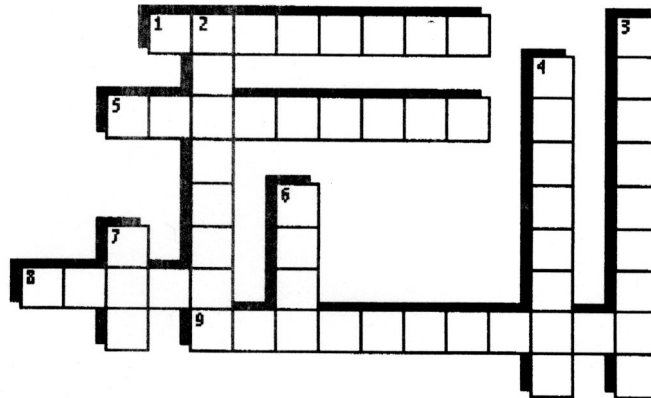


Maundy Thursday



229. THE LAST SUPPER

(LUKE 22:7-20)



- 2 DOWN "And He sent Peter and John saying, 'Go and prepare the _____ for us, that we may eat.' " **LUKE 22:8**
- 8 ACROSS "And He said to them, 'Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the _____ which he enters.' " **LUKE 22:10**
- 5 ACROSS "Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My _____?" ' " **LUKE 22:11**
- 6 DOWN "Then he will show you a large, furnished upper _____; there make ready." **LUKE 22:12**
- 1 ACROSS "And when the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve _____ with Him." **LUKE 22:14**
- 3 DOWN "Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is _____ in the kingdom of God.' " **LUKE 22:15-16**
- 7 DOWN "He took the _____ and gave thanks, and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves.' " **LUKE 22:17**
- 9 ACROSS "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you; do this in _____ of Me.' " **LUKE 22:19**
- 4 DOWN "Likewise He took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new _____ in My blood, which is shed for you.' " **LUKE 22:20**

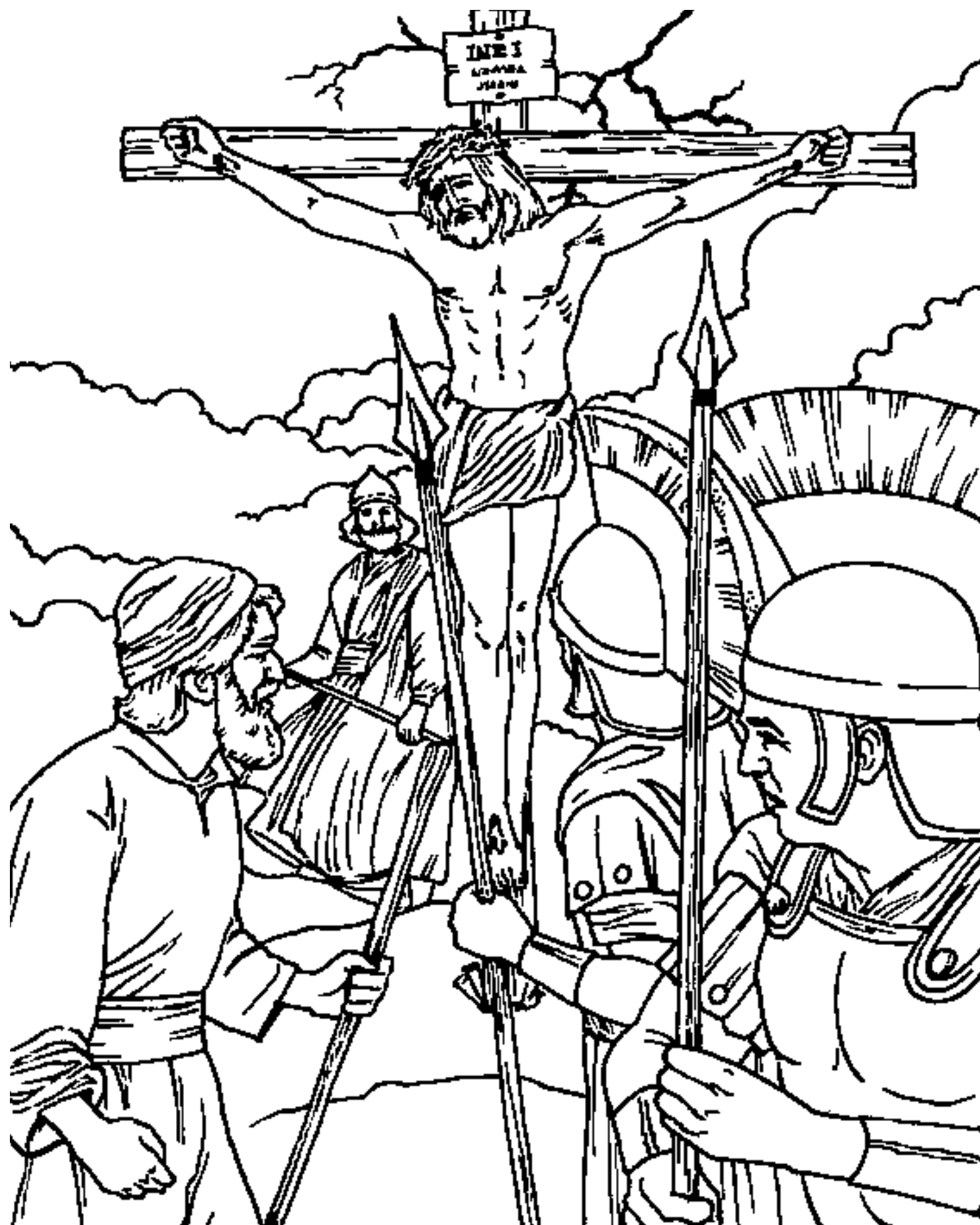
Jesus said to him,
“Judas, are you
betraying the Son
of Man with a kiss?”

Luke 22:48

Judas Iscariot was one of the Apostles. He was part of God's plan to bring his son to the cross, although Judas did not know it. He had promised to betray him to the priests who wanted Jesus dead. The priests paid Judas thirty pieces of silver and he led soldiers to where Jesus was praying. Judas kissed Jesus to show he was the man they wanted and he was arrested. Judas then realized that he had betrayed God. He returned the money to the priests and hung himself. He did not live to see Christ's triumphant Resurrection.

Disciples in the garden of Gethsemane







Good Friday

