

JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM LIKE A KING!

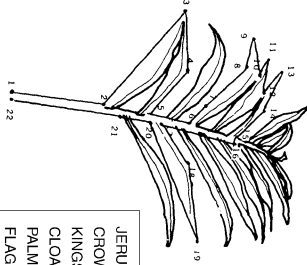
[Jerusalem]. — People in the capital city of Jerusalem were excited when they saw Jesus and his followers coming toward the big walled city high on a hill. The people saw Jesus riding on a donkey, and heading for the gate into the city where Jewish kings used to ride in to be crowned as ruler. Since the Romans were ruling the country in Jesus' lifetime, some people were ready for a king who would come to Jerusalem and kick the Romans out. Some of the people who saw Jesus coming thought he might be the king they were waiting for.

As Jesus and his followers got closer, and started up the hill, the crowds got more and more excited. They started singing songs and cheering for Jesus. They laid their cloaks and shirts on the street for him to ride over, showing him they honored him. And they cut palm branches off the trees to wave like flags or banners. That might have upset the owners of the palm trees, but it was a special way to honor Jesus that day.

Matthew 21:1-11

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HONOR	PEOPLE
FLAGS	CLOTHES
PALMS	BANNERS
LEADERS	CITY
BRANCHES	RESPECT
	JERUSALEM



ANSWERS

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "I love parades! It's fun to have a flag or a banner to wave. When they had a parade for Jesus, they waved something else. Connect the dots below to see what it was."



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Matching Game. Match these words taken from today's Gospel story to the list on the right side which mean almost the same thing.

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| JERUSALEM | PEOPLE |
| CROWD | CLOTHES |
| KINGS | BANNERS |
| CLOAKS | CITY |
| PALMS | RESPECT |
| FLAGS | LEADERS |
| HONOR | BRANCHES |

Hidden Picture. Something special helped Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. If you color or shade in all the spaces in the picture below that have dots, this special helper will appear.

