



Resources for Teaching
our budding rocks of faith

The Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem

Activities for teaching young Orthodox Christian children about the Feast



THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM



Palm Sunday icon by Athanasios Clark, tomclarkicons.com, courtesy of the Department of Religious Education, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Draw an oval shape around our Lord Jesus Christ.

Draw a rectangle shape around our Lord's Disciples.

Draw a triangle around the group of people waving palm branches.

Draw a line under the child who is spreading his clothes on the ground.

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Number the following on the icon:

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ
2. The city of Jerusalem
3. The Mount of Olives
4. Our Lord's Disciples
5. The group of people waving palm branches

What color are our Lord's clothes?

..... underneath. on top.

Look closely at the icon.

What is the kneeling child holding?

How many palm branches can you count?

CONSTRUCT THE PHRASE

Cut out the rectangles in the following page and glue them on this page in the correct order, to find out what the people cried out.



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CONSTRUCT THE PHRASE

Hosanna!

blessed is He

that comes

in the name

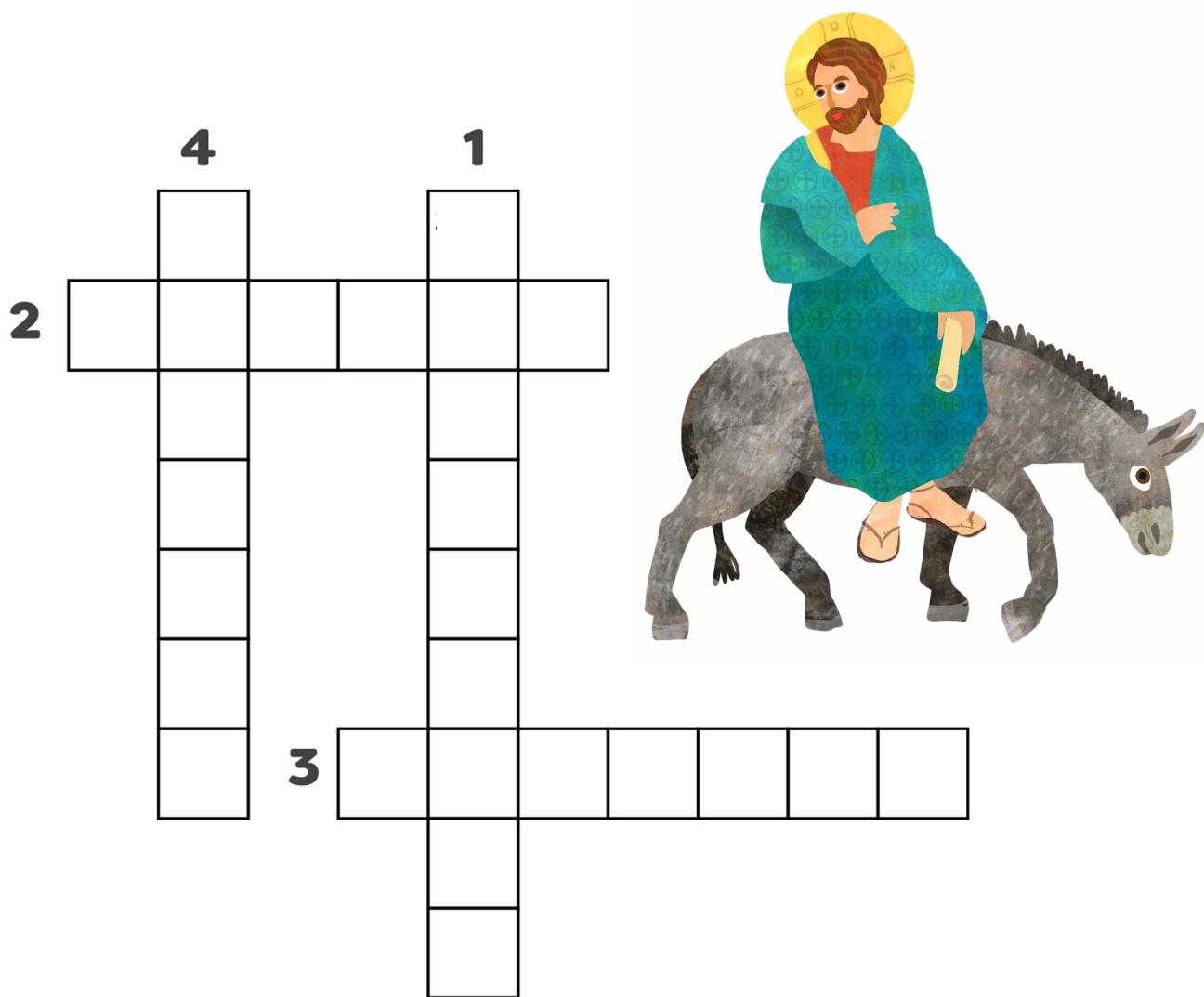
of the Lord.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Fill in the crossword puzzle using the following words:

HOSANNA - DONKEY - CLOTHES - JERUSALEM

1. Our Lord went to the city of _____.
2. He entered the city sitting on a _____.
3. The children spread their _____ on the ground.
4. Everyone rejoiced, crying out _____.



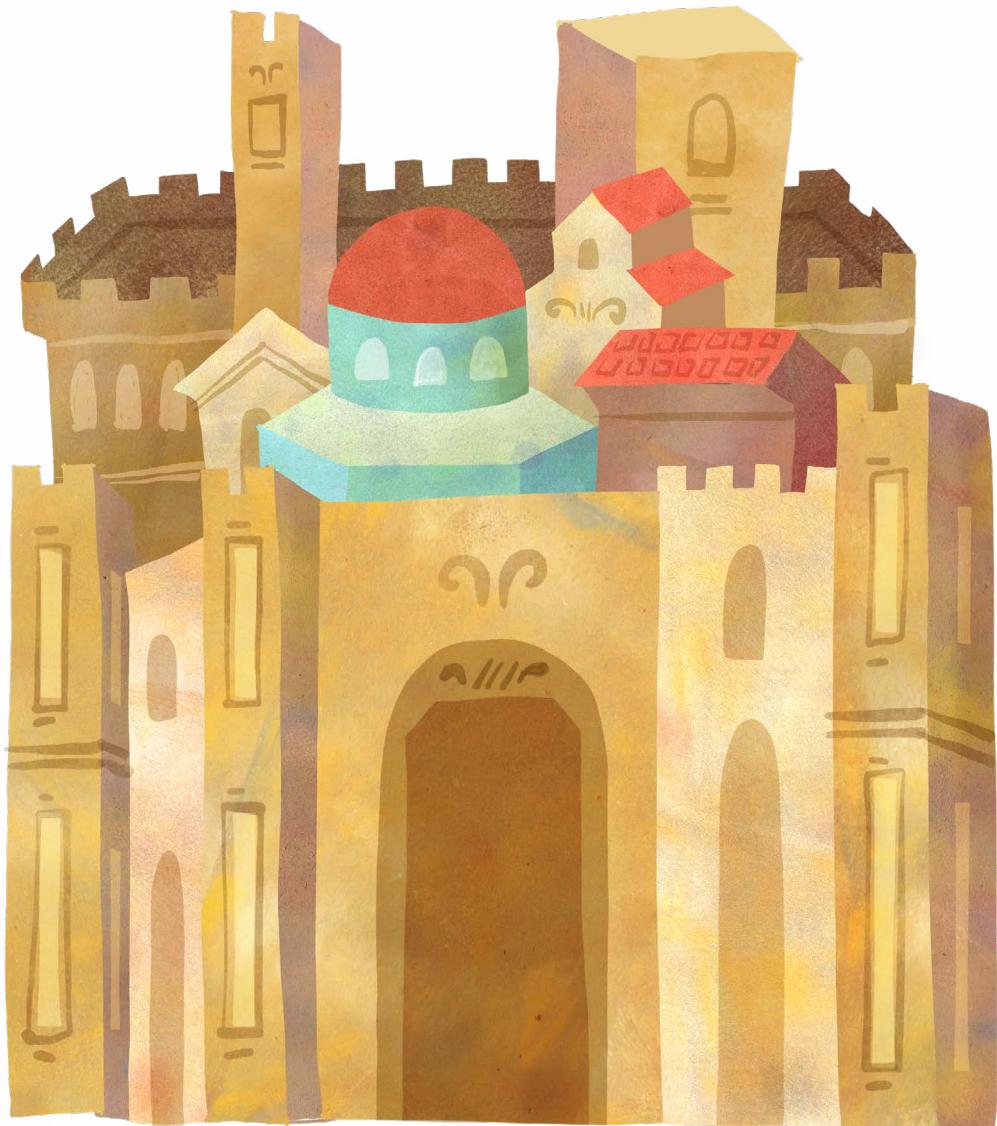
CUT & GLUE CRAFT / PAPER PUPPETS

CUT & GLUE CRAFT

Print and cut out the images on this and the following pages. Glue them on a large piece of colored poster board to make a scene inspired by the icon of the Feast.

STORYTELLING WITH THE PUPPETS

You can also use the figures to make paper puppets for acting out the scene. To do this, laminate them or print them on sturdy paper and tape them on popsicle sticks or drinking straws. You can also glue self-adhesive magnet pieces on the back of the images, and use them to tell the story using a magnetic board.



The city of Jerusalem



The child spreading his clothes on the ground

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Our Lord Jesus Christ

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The people waving palm branches

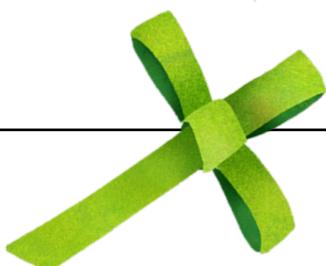
Our Lord's Disciples

PALM SUNDAY AROUND THE WORLD



Do some research to find the different ways in which Orthodox Christians celebrate Palm Sunday around the world. Then fill in the table. You can also print out photos, then cut and glue them on a large piece of poster board to make a collage.

| COUNTRY | TRADITION | DRAW A PICTURE |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Everywhere | | |
| Greece and Cyprus | | |
| Bulgaria and Romania | | |
| Slavic countries | | |
| Middle East and Asia | | |



PALM SUNDAY IN THE GOSPELS



Read the story of the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem from the four Gospel Books, then fill in the table below.

| GOSPEL | VERSES | DETAILS SPECIFIC TO THIS GOSPEL ACCOUNT |
|---------|--------|---|
| Matthew | | |
| Mark | | |
| Luke | | |
| John | | |





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