

Getting it right!



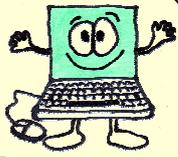
Listen to God!

Mark 11:1-11

The children from Bible club decorated the church with palm branches and then held a procession to celebrate Palm Sunday.

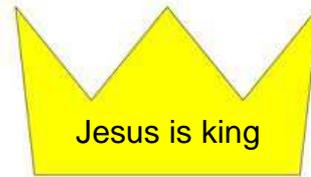
Delbert our dictionary says

Hosanna: from a word meaning "save, we pray", it became a shout of praise or love towards God.



After winning wars or battles, kings returned home to a victory procession like this one, but they rode on a horse or in a fancy chariot. Five hundred years before, a prophet called Zechariah has announced that Israel's king would ride into Jerusalem on a young donkey (colt). Jesus was that king.

The people hoped Jesus would save them from the Romans who were ruling the country, and that he would take over as king. But Jesus is a heavenly king. He came to save from sin and give eternal life and freedom, not free the country from foreign rulers. The crowd was right in recognising Jesus as king, but wrong in their understanding of what kind of king he was. Very soon they would want to kill him!



Talk to God!

Lord Jesus, we praise you today. You are king.

Thank you that you are not a king who has come to fight and have wars, but a king who brings peace and eternal life.



Circle the right words in the story.

Jesus sent two/three disciples to get a horse/donkey colt. They put clothes/a saddle on it. Jesus rode/led it along the road as people spread branches/carpet on the ground and booed/cheered him. The crowd praised God/told Jesus to go away.