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## **Palm Sunday Choral Reading**

Based on Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:39-40  
Presented by Grades 3, 4, 5, teacher

**Music** "Ride on, King Jesus" (refrain only)

### **PART 1**

1 (*shouting*) Mom! Dad! Everyone! Come with us!

**All** **Come see what's happening!**

2 People are cheering, and waving palm branches, and running all over the place.

3 The kids are shouting and laughing and having fun!

**All** **Come see what's happening!**

4 What *is* happening?

**All** **Jesus is coming!**

5 He is getting a hero's welcome, and everybody is out to greet him.

6 Hurry! Hurry! Let's go greet Jesus.

7 I'm coming! Let me grab my cap.

**All** **Jesus is coming!**

**Music** "Ride on, King Jesus"

## PART 2

- 7 Long ago when someone *really* important came to Jerusalem, there would be a parade to honour their guest.
- 6 Important people like a king, or an army general would ride on a beautiful, prancing horse – a symbol of authority and military power.
- 5 The people would cheer, and wave palm branches to greet their important guests.

### **All Grab a palm branch! Let's go!**

- 4 The Romans used palm branches as symbols of victory over their enemies.
- 3 For God's people, palm branches symbolised the righteousness of God, their true King.
- 2 So it was especially appropriate for the people of Jerusalem to greet Jesus with palm branches, waving a welcome to Jesus their King and friend.
- 1 Grab a palm branch, and let's go greet Jesus!

### **All Yes, let's go greet Jesus!**

**Music** "Ride on, King Jesus"

## PART 3

- 1 I wonder *why* Jesus was riding a donkey?
- 7 A donkey was just a lowly work animal, used by the very poor.
- All Why did Jesus ride a donkey?**
- 2 The Pharaohs of Egypt rode fancy chariots drawn by fine horses.
- 1 The Queen of England rides in a fancy carriage
- 5 The Pope has a bullet proof "Pope-mobile".
- 6 A King should ride a prancing horse, all decked out in silk and gold.
- 5 Some Mennonite bishops drive big, black cars – Lincolns, Caddies, maybe even a Mercedes Benz.

### **All Why did Jesus ride a donkey?**

- 4 Jesus came in humility.

3 He claimed no power except the power of God's love.

6 Jesus chose to be with the poor and the outcast, the common people of the land.

3 He loved us all!

**All Ride on, Jesus. We're with you!**

**Music** "Ride on, King Jesus"

## **PART 4**

5 Jesus made friends with all kinds of people.

4 All these folks turned out to greet Jesus and wave their palm branches.

6 Unfortunately, not everyone like Jesus.

2 There were some people who felt threatened by his teachings and his love for everyone.

**All Don't spoil the parade!**

3 When they heard the crowds shouting "Hosanna" and saw people waving their palm branches for Jesus, they got very angry.

7 "Jesus – teacher – order your followers to stop all this nonsense!" they said.

2 Jesus smiled and said, "Hey, if I order them to be quiet, the stones themselves will sing and shout!"

**All Yes! The stones will sing and shout!**

2 (*shouting*) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All Come join the throng. Sing Hosanna**

**Music** "Ride on, King Jesus" (Repeat Refrain)