



## Hermes Adventures (and some links to fun things for my little friends to do below)

<https://truewaykids.com/palm-sunday-and-holy-week/> ;  
<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

What a week in Jerusalem! The streets are so quiet. There is no one around. My good friend Basaam and his family are in their house in Eastern Jerusalem. Its so different to last year when the city was buzzing with lots of pilgrims and people going about their business.



The bazaar is full of wonderful smells of spices like cumin and turmeric and saffron. You can see some of the spices in the picture. Can you work out what they are?



I almost got knocked over by this boy on a donkey. He saw how upset I was and gave me a wee ride. No wonder Jesus rode on a donkey!

The pavements in Eastern Jerusalem are usually heaving with melons, oranges, lemons and lots of other fruits and vegetables. Can you name the fruit and vegetables in my photo below? These were all outside the hotel I was staying in – the ‘Golden Walls Hotel.’



Since it is Holy Week, I decided to take a trip to Nazareth Village – that’s the village that Jesus spent some of his childhood in. I had great fun and I met some wonderful people there. See if you can spot me in the photos below and work out what I’m up to!



I met two shepherds who were pushing a cart and they gave me a wee ride in it. Can you see me in the cart?



Then I went to the temple and I found some holy books like the ones that Jesus read from. They're very different from ours. They're scrolls and they are huge. Can you work out what language they are written in?

Then I headed back to Jerusalem to see the 'Place of the Skull.' It is supposed give a clue to where Jesus was crucified, but this is just a false story. Maybe you see the nose, eyes and mouth in the photo – look below.



Finally, I sat in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where it's thought that Jesus was buried. You can see the sign of the cross.

I'm sure missing you all on my adventures. I've posted a wee picture of some of my favourite people who take care of me - and of all the boys and girls in our Early Birds. The picture below was taken at Easter two years ago. You might remember that we all made an Easter cross. Must go! My next adventure awaits me. Happy Easter to you all.

Hermes bear (aged 3 and a half)

