

Hermes in Jerusalem – Palm Sunday



Hello, my friends, this is me sitting on my suitcase as I travel by bus from Joppa to Jerusalem. Next year, I must get myself a haversack as all this traipsing about with a suitcase isn't great, but there are always lots of people willing to help. I arrived just in time to join the Palm Sunday parade – fabby, fabby!

Look at the sign. Can you see where the parade starts? I'll give you a hint – they grow these fruits in the Holy Lands.



There was lots of noise; lots of waving of palms. My friend Basaam brought me some home-made marmalade from his lemon tree. You might be able to spot him in the crowd? I'm not far behind him. It was great fun – like a party with all sorts of people who came to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. It was hard to get a palm leaf, though, that didn't make me fall over...but oh how I love to tumble. It was an enormous crowd. I shouted, 'hosanna' until my throat was too sore to

shout anymore. Then I went to hunt for honey. Maybe you can post me a picture of your honey pot (promise I won't eat it!).



There were lots of people – young and old – from different parts of the world. I met people from Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland and Iceland. And I'm from bonnie Scotland. I'm just a wee blurb in this photo near the back, if you can see me. I've been walking with some scouts and guides. Some of my lovely Palestinian friends couldn't come here and that made me cross as I had so many stories to tell them, especially about me meeting Jonah-Ten last week and his story of his

great, great, great, great granddaddy with the whale. My kind chum, Marc, allowed me to use his photos – how fabulous that he included me in his photos!



We started our parade at the top of the Mount of Olives – great views when you're big enough to see them. How many churches can you see in the picture opposite? I'll give you the answer later! I'm too busy eating marmalade – well I need to keep my strength up for singing with the pilgrims. Who knew that singing could be so exhausting.

How many hats can you count in the picture below?



I'm near the front with my friend Basaam. He's wearing a white hat with a St. Andrew's cross on it. I bought it for him in Edinburgh.

It's going to be a very busy week for me as I keep walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

I've eaten all my honey and marmalade, so I'm going to have a wee rest with all the other pilgrims. You'll know some of

them. See if you recognise them in the photo below.



How many pilgrims are wearing hats?
What colour are their hats?
Do you recognise them from the church?
What sign is in front of Hermes Bear?
Can you make a palm leaf like the one below?



Activities



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The activities we are recommending for children today are all from the DTLK Bible website at <http://www.dltk-bible.com/>

Firstly there is a Palm Sunday colouring-in page:

<https://www.coloring.ws/t.asp?t=https://www.coloring.ws/bible/jesus/palmsunday.gif>

For those who feel more ambitious there are two exciting craft activities (with instructions and templates) involving donkeys and palm trees:

<https://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mpaperdonkey.htm>

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpalm-handprints.htm>

For school age children there is a word search:

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/word-search/word-search-palm-sunday.htm>

Let us know how you got on!