



Sunday 5th April is the beginning of what is called a Holy Week when we remember all the momentous events that happened to Jesus in the days before and after his death. All the Gospels have the story of Holy Week in them. You can look within the later chapters of each gospel and see what part of the story is being told by looking at the section headings in strong type. If you have a Spark Story Bible the story begins on page 454.

The week begins on Palm Sunday, which can also be called Passion Sunday, when branches of trees found in the fields and pathways close to Jerusalem are used in a special way.

Take a look and see what happened <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>.

I wonder why the people were cheering for Jesus?

I wonder if everyone was happy and excited ?

On Thursday of Holy Week Jesus had supper with his disciples, his friends who believed in him and who had been travelling with him.

What happened next in the story? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zgsb9j6>

What does this remind you of?

Is there anything special that we do ?

Next Sunday there will be the excitement of Jesus being alive again and Easter Day. Meanwhile we need to find out about Good Friday.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/z4t6rj6>.

Where is the big cross in our church ?



Some Activities to try in Holy Week

If you are playing or exercising and moving your arms about think of the people in the crowd on Palm Sunday.

When you have tea/ supper on Thursday evening remember the special meal Jesus and the disciples had.



Eat a hot cross bun on Friday to help you think about Jesus' death on the cross.

You may not have a real hot cross bun but you could use what you have - maybe a roll, a biscuit or a slice of fruit and you could add a cross of jam, cream cheese or two thin strips of carrot.

You could send us a picture of the results of unusual hot cross buns!

Prayer:

Dear God,
Whether we are celebrating your life or being sad about your death, we thank you for being willing to endure so much- we shout hosanna in gratitude!

Amen