

Jesus, King of Humility

Theme: To remind ourselves that to be first in the eyes of others we sometimes need to show humility.

Games:

Regal Racers Divide the group into two or three teams. The first person in each team races to the end of the room and back balancing a book on their head. They pass the book to the next person who races in the same way until each person has had a go. If a book falls off, the child can't continue until it is rebalanced on their head.

Catch it if you can Create a circle of children with one in the middle. The children throw a ball across the circle that the middle person tries to catch. If they catch it they then swap places with the last person to throw the ball. Once the game is well underway start giving a countdown from five for the child holding the ball, ie. they need to pass it on as quickly as possible. If they are caught out by the countdown they need to join the person in the middle. This should be played fast and furious and can end up with most players in the middle and only 3-4 around the edge.

Memory Verse: Psalm 118 v 26 – Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Make sure the children understand this is a prophecy given hundreds of years before Jesus was born and that it is Jesus, God's Son, who is being talked about. Encourage the children with this good news; tell them to run around telling each other the verse as excitedly as possible.

Introduction: Tell the children a famous pop star is coming to their school. Plan what you would do to welcome them on the day. How do you expect them to arrive? What kind of vehicle? How would they be dressed? Would you tell the press (Kent Messenger)? Will there be a red carpet? Then introduce the story of a famous person who was welcomed with as much enthusiasm but didn't have all the glory and riches of a pop star.

Story: Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem is recounted in all the Gospels and is also well illustrated in the 'Miracle Maker' video. Another version is in the resources section in the form of a power play.

Application: Think again about your pop star. What would people think if they arrived riding a bicycle, wearing a pair of wellies and a raincoat. Imagine they had no jewellery or make up and their hair was a mess. Would people expect that? Would they be impressed? Jesus was fulfilling prophecy and making a statement about what kind of King he was; not the warrior king that people expected. Instead, he was a king who wanted us to be humble; putting others first and showing God's love to those who need it most.

Prayer: Think of a time when you did something you were proud of. Did you show off about it to everyone or did you accept praise with humility? Say a simple prayer to ask God to remind us to be humble in our actions but excited in our praise of others.

Resources: Powerplay; Funsheet; song resource.

Song: 'Blessed is the King' – 25 yrs of Ishmael CD. See resource section.

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM AS A KING
(BASED ON LUKE 19 V 28-40)

As Jesus (*****) came to a town near Jerusalem he said to two of his followers (*****), 'Go into the town and when you enter it, you will find a donkey (*****) tied up. No one has ever ridden it before. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you why you are taking it, say that the Lord (*****) needs it.'

So the two followers (*****) went into town and saw the donkey (*****) tied up just as Jesus (*****) had said. The followers (*****) untied it, but the owners of the donkey (*****) came out. 'Why are you untying the donkey?' (*****) they said. Jesus' (*****) followers (*****) answered, 'The Lord (*****) needs it.' The owners seemed to understand and let them take the donkey (*****) to Jesus. (*****)

Then the followers (*****) threw their coats (*****) onto the donkeys (*****) back and helped Jesus (*****) onto it. As Jesus (*****) rode towards Jerusalem, the followers (*****) spread their coats (*****) on the road before him. They cut branches from the trees and spread them on the ground.

The whole crowd of followers (*****) were very happy (*****) and began to shout praises (*****) to God. (*****)

They said, 'Hosanna!(*****) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (*****) God bless the King. (*****) God bless the King.' (*****)

Some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, (*****) 'Teacher, tell your followers (*****) not to say these things.' But Jesus (*****) answered, 'If my followers (*****) don't say these things, then these rocks will cry out instead.'

'Hallelujah! Praise you, Lord!' *(shout this last phrase together)*

Here are some actions you can use to bring the play to life; or you can make up your own.

Jesus – *touch nail prints on both palms with opposite middle fingers*

Followers – *walk on the spot*

Donkey – *imitate donkey, 'hee-haw, hee-haw'*

Lord – *point up, as if to heaven*

Coats – *mime putting on coat*

Happy – *hold belly and laugh silently*

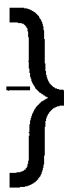
Praises – *thumbs up and rotate hands, one over other as getting higher*

God - *point up, as if to heaven*

Hosanna –

Blessed is he who comes –

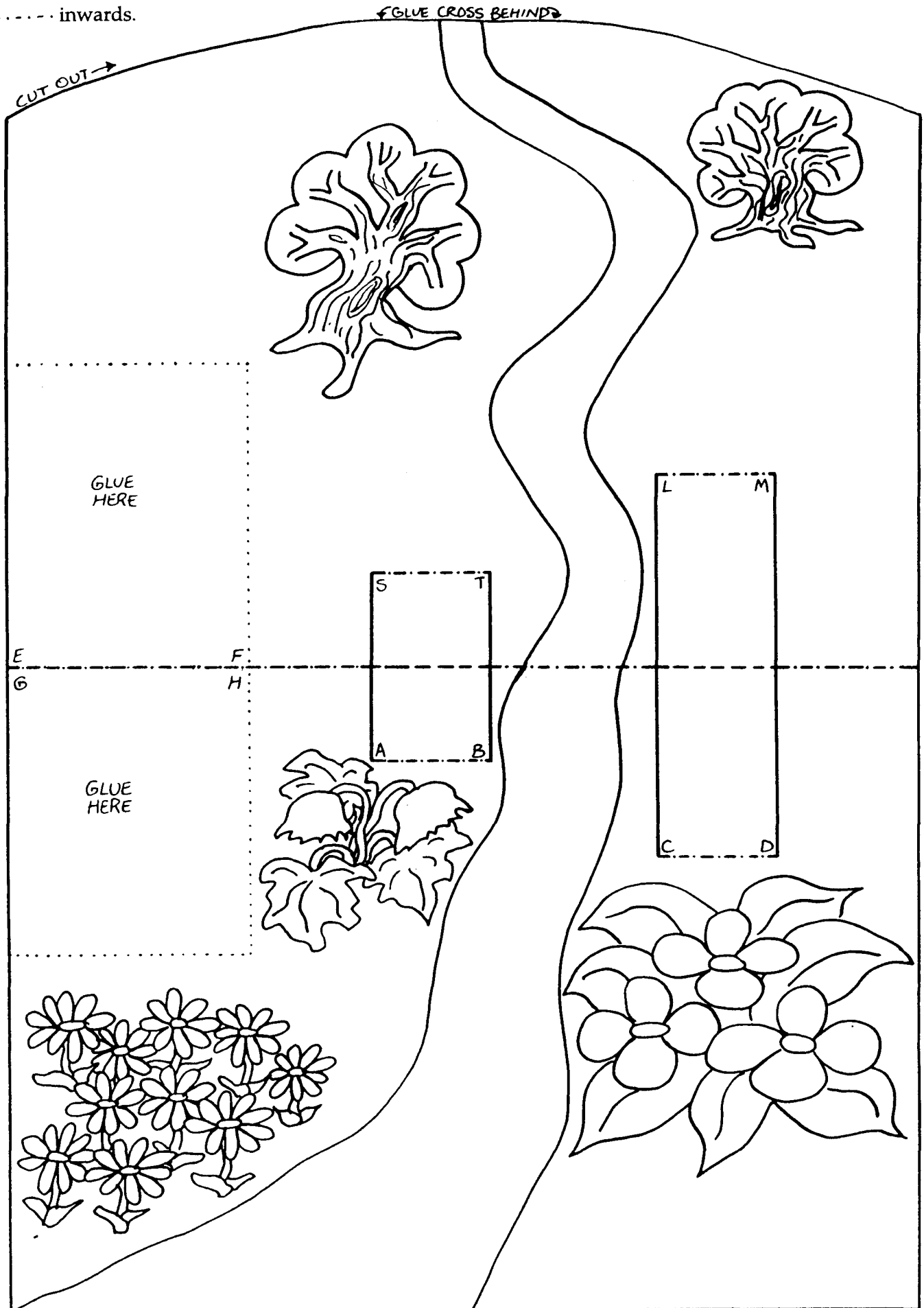
God bless the King -



For each of these encourage the words to be shouted back with action for 'God' and 'King' (mime placing crown on head)

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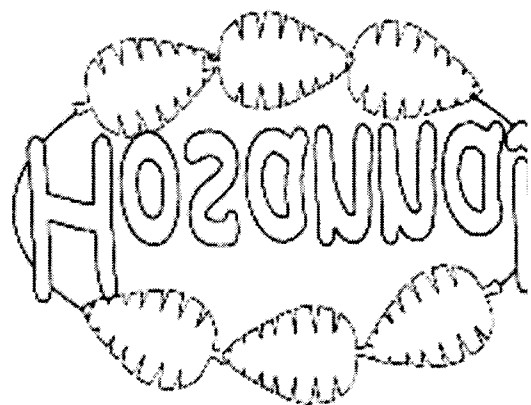
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2. Cut slits SA, TB, LC, MD.
4. Fold all foldlines - - - outwards
- - - - - inwards.



Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 118 v 26

Colour the picture of Jesus and his disciples.



Hold this picture up to mirror to see a word that the crowds might have shouted in praise to Jesus which showed they recognised him as King.

Can you help Jesus find his way down to Jerusalem?

