



Jesus told the disciples to go to the village and bring back a _____ that no one had rode. (donkey)

Jesus rode the _____. Crowds laid _____ on the road and sang! (donkey, garments/clothes/palms)

They said, "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Why was the donkey's owner mad at him? (Yes)

The donkey had a job or purpose.

Name 2 things that the donkey COULDN'T do.

Where did the disciples find the donkey? (tied to a post at the edge of town)

How did the donkey react? What did he feel? What did he say? (afraid...)

Who was the tall, thin man with a soft voice? What did he say? ("It's time that you knew about the great thing that you are destined to do. You'll carry me into the city – we two. Into the city, I'll ride atop you.")

Did the donkey believe him? What reasons did the donkey give for no one being able to ride him? (too weak, small...)

What did the man say? (My help is enough; It's all that you need. It's all you require in life to succeed. The weaker you are, the more strength I give. I'll be there to help you as long as you live. I know you feel tired and frightened and broken, but do you believe these words that I've spoken? Do you believe – I ask you again. Do you have faith I can heal you, my friend?)

Have you ever felt like you were too small or too weak to do something?

As we learn more about right and wrong, we see that we can choose to do or say something that gets us into trouble. We practice bad habits. What kind of habits SHOULD we practice? (good and right – called virtues)

What can we do if we think it's too hard to do the right thing? (accept answers – ask Jesus for help – he can heal us and give us strength)

The donkey was sure that the words the man spoke were honest and true! What did he say? (I believe. I believe that it's true! I believe, yes, I do!)

How did Jesus bless the donkey? What happened? (He was stretching and changing, began to feel he had power! He didn't feel weak anymore. He felt stronger and stronger! His legs felt like steel!)

What did the donkey say? It's a _____! (miracle)

What did he do? (he bowed and knelt and gave thanks)

Jesus said he had a great mission to fulfill. Now the donkey had courage and power and pride!

What did he hear? (hosannas and hoorays)

They called Jesus a prophet and said he was blessed. They laid down garments, clothes or cloaks, and branches for Jesus to ride on. The donkey was happy and proud. He helped the King with the greatest mission of all.

What was Jesus' mission? (to save us, forgive our sins and help us go to Heaven to be with Jesus forever and ever!) It's the story of Easter!

DON'T FORGET TO TELL THE STORY TO SOMEONE ELSE!

REMEMBER HOW A LITTLE FAITH CAN GIVE YOU STRENGTH!

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Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:29-42; Jn 12:12-19