

The Bible is like a library made up of 66 books written by many different people over many years.

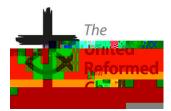
The Old Testament books were written before Jesus was born. They are the holy stories he would have grown up hearing and reading. There are 39 of these.

The New Testament tells us the stories of Jesus and his followers. There are 27 books in the New Testament.

Can you find and colour the book on the bookshelf that

story is from?

If you have a Bible, see if you can find the story in there.



The book of Zechariah was written by Zechariah around 484 BC. Zechariah was a prophet and this book tells the stories about the Israelites after they have been set free from

promises. The first eight chapters tell the story of them returning from Exile in Babylon and Zechariah is tel

eight dreams that give warnings and promises. From chapter 9 the book gives us images and promises of what it will be look like when the Messiah, the one who is going to save us all

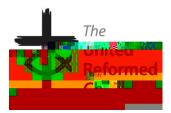
might expect.

and prepare to welcome him again.

The Donkey and the King by The Bible App for Kids <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9-</u>pVI2_MVY

Palm Sunday in Lego by Bible Builders <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYZMhaRepJk</u> Dave the Donkey by Andrew McDonough <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D89VI9R17eY</u> A read along animation of the story by Bible for Kids <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3RVJ9NI7O8</u> Jesus rides in Jerusalem by Superbook https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DW-_0iH8EHk

Rejoice Greatly (Zechariah 9 v 9) by Corner Room Scripture Songs for Little ones <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nS57Pu5uQs</u> We have a king who rides a donkey by the Jamborees <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqFuiafDf8</u>



Each day over a mealtime, have a quick conversation. Here are a few questions to get you going:

- o I wonder what it means that Jesus was the King of Peace?
- Why did the people respond to Jesus the way they did?
- What does it mean that Jesus would bring peace to the nations, when there are wars happening in our world today?
- o When it says that Jesus saves, what does this mean to you?
- How do we find ways to welcome Jesus into our lives? What does it mean to you?



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A curtain ring or a pipe cleaner made into a ring Coloured ribbon or wool in a variety of colours



Think about the colours and what sort of prayer they might represent.

Here are some ideas:-

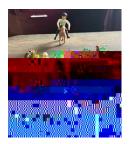
- < Blue Peace
- Green
- < Yellow Family and friends
- < Red People who are ill, sad or worried
- White Forgiveness

You can see what colours you have and then decide on what or who you are going to pray for. Take it in turns to tie the ribbon on the ring and say your prayer either quietly or out loud. When you have completed your prayers, you could hang the ring from a door or keep it beside your bed. Take a moment each time you see it to pause and talk to God about the different coloured prayers. Let the bright colours remind you of the people lining the road, waving their palm branches, and laying their doaks on the ground in celebration of the coming of the king the King of Peace.



A circle of card Some green paper Some white paper A small piece of string

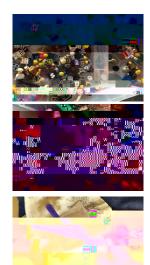


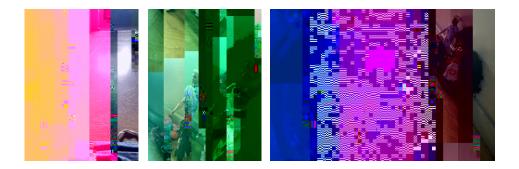


Some toy figures or Lego Some

Think about what Zechariah wrote and maybe also look at the story of Palm Sunday. Play with the story using figures.

Think about Jesus riding into Jerusalem and how people cheered and laid dothes down for him. Consider that Jesus came to be a peacemaker, not a king or a warrior.







Zechariah spoke/wrote about the picture God had

The people lining the streets on Palm Sunday still

on earth should look like? Can you think of some of the steps we need to take to make things doser to how God wants them? Your challenge is to speak out or write about the things you see that are not fair or right or which could be better and share your views with others, even if they choose to ignore what you say. Make your voice heard.

As we think about the coming week and the run up to Easter, read a bit more about the events of Holy

Easter issue of FOFA@H <u>https://urc.org.uk/wp-</u> content/uploads/1638/09/Families_on_Faith_Adv entures -_Week_52_-

<u>Journey to Easter Holy Week .pdf</u> Choose the one event that feels right to spend some time thinking about and do something creative draw or paint a picture, write a poem or a song, make something, or simply write out the words of the Bible story. Add a few words about what it means to you, and put it in your scrapbook.

The coming week is called Holy Week, as we travel

through his last meal with his disciples and preparing for what is going to happen, leading up to Jesus being arrested and sentenced to death. Next Friday is Good Friday, when we remember the death of Jesus on the cross and him being

Why not take some time each day to read part of the story and maybe put something to symbolise that part of the story into a box to remind you of it.?

John 13 v 4-14, Luke 22 v 39-46, Matthew 27 v 15-26, Luke 23 v 26-46, and a sneak preview of -12



Why not send photos of your crafts, your treasure boxes, your Walking the Way challenges - or dress up to make a tableau of the Big Story and take a photo to send in.

Email your photos to: with parental permission for them to be used in publicity and online URC social media.

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