LESSON 25

JESUS' LAST DAYS ON EARTH

Luke 19:28-38; 24:6-7,51

Jesus sent two of his disciples into a village to find a small donkey for him. He had told them it would be there tied to a post. They found it as he had said, and put their coats over the donkey for Jesus to sit on.

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, all the people spread palm leaves and coats on the road for the donkey to walk on. They sang hymns and thanked God for sending Jesus.

A week later though, Jesus was taken by wicked men and nailed to a cross. He died on the cross and was put into a tomb. Three days later, God brought Jesus back to life again.

Jesus taught his disciples for forty more days, and then God took him up into heaven, where he is now, with God. Soon Jesus will return to the earth, to set up God's kingdom.

ACTIVITY

Glue wool to the mane and tail of the donkey. Glue pop sticks, matches or toothpicks to the post. Use ribbon or pipe cleaner to tether the donkey to the post. Crumple brown crepe paper and glue to donkey.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Using green or brown paper, make large palm branches with diagonal fringing.

If possible, collect palm leaves to show class.

Cut out coat shapes from material. Make Jesus and the donkey from playdough, and act out the story.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.