

## **Messy Church at home – April**

We are so sorry that Messy Church cannot take place this month. So we are suggesting Messy Church at Home! Sorry our team cannot cook for you!

Here are some activities you can use with your children. Please upload any photographs onto the Messy Church on Overslade facebook page so we can share what we have been doing and inspire each other to keep learning and worshipping even when we cannot be together.

### **Palm Sunday**

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the day when Jesus went into Jerusalem and people waved palm branches and welcomed him as their King.

#### **Learn**

You can read the story in Matthew Chapter 21: 1-11 (If you don't have a children's Bible you can use this link)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21%3A1-11&version=ERV>

Or you can watch a clip here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIUk0YCi15w>

Palm Sunday is a celebration of the time when Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people shouted Hosanna (an expression of joy) and welcomed him as their King.

#### **Create**

1. Make a booklet telling the story of Easter (template in resources) or make your own
2. Make an Easter garden in a shoebox – either – use flowers, sticks, stones, moss and other things from the garden, or use recycled materials or clay or salt dough (recipe in resources).
3. Make a branch to wave
4. Write the word Hosanna and decorate it
5. Make a sunshine and put it in your window as a sign of hope during the Covid 19 outbreak.

#### **Worship**

Sing *Lord I lift your name on high*. This clip has dance moves too you might like to try. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tWSu9NAFlk>

Sing *Hosanna Rock* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5582z642wFY> This song has an animation with it.

#### **Pray**

You could write your own prayers or use this one. You could light a candle and put it in your window on Sunday at 7pm as a sign you are praying during the Covid 19 outbreak.

*Thank you Jesus for the story of Palm Sunday. We want to be like the people who welcomed you as King. Help us to learn to worship you, to tell you how much you mean to us.*

*We pray for all the people affected by the Covid 19 outbreak; for those who are ill in hospital; for those that are ill at home; for those who are having to spend lots of time inside; for those with very little to do; for those who are scared. Help us to stay safe. Amen*

## Resources

### TO MAKE SALT DOUGH

1 cup salt

2 cups of flour

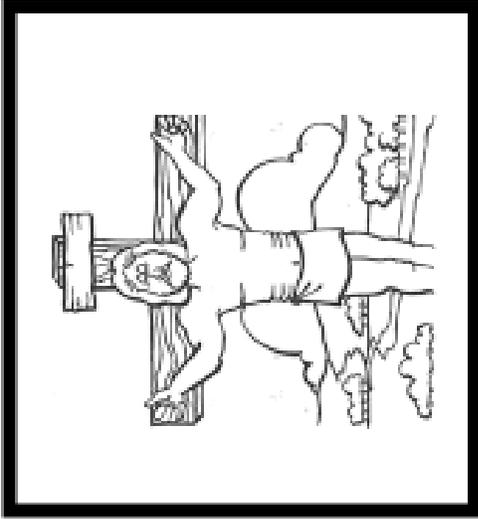
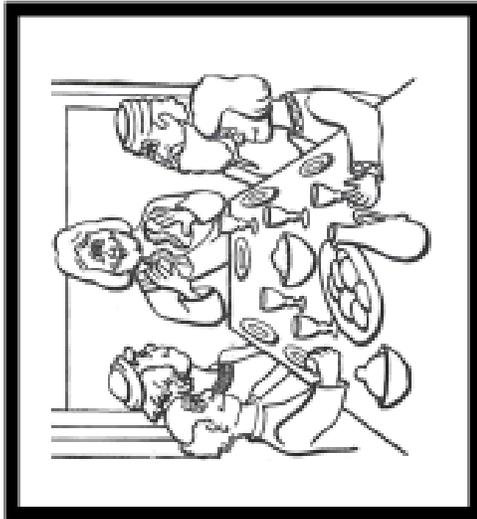
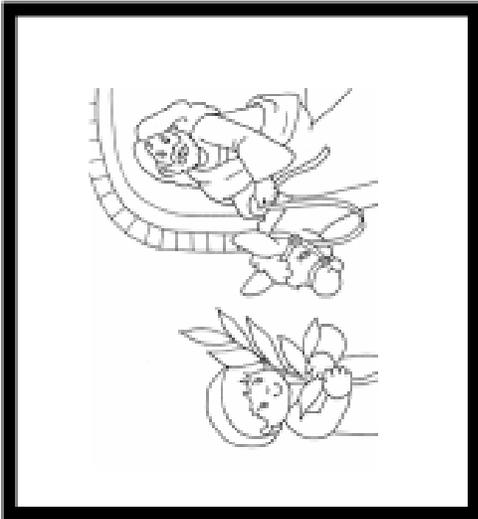
$\frac{3}{4}$  cup of water

#### Instructions:

1. In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
2. Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
3. Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
4. Make your creations using the salt dough.
5. Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.

#### Tips & ideas:

- Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.
- You can paint your creations with acrylic paints
- Salt dough can also be aired dried and is an alternative to oven drying.



# The Story of Easter

