## HPE SERVICE COMPANION

MARCH 28, 2021

#### THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
- Devotionals with discussion guide and activities designed to create conversation around this week's Big Idea
- Memory verse cards



# FAMILY Palm Sunday – Triumphant Beginning

Have you ever been to a parade? Sometimes parades welcome back special people like soldiers returning home from serving overseas or a team who has won the championship. Sometimes parade celebrate events like Christmas or week-long fairs that cities hold. Parades often have lots of fun things to look at (like these crazy cars https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TljQi69Z3gA), lots of music to listen to as bands pass by, and important people who ride past on decorated floats, waving at the crowd.

Jesus was in a sort of parade in Luke 19:28-44. Take time to read that passage now. Jesus knew that he was nearing the end of His life, but the disciples and people did not realize this. He instructed two disciples to go into the city and to secure His mode of transportation. Read Luke 19:30 in NLT again to remember what Jesus wanted to ride on!

A donkey? So what? There are a couple of important things about this ride. For one thing, riding a donkey was actually a sign of peace. Jesus wasn't riding into Jerusalem with a sword on a great white horse like many people hoped He would. He was showing humility and true servanthood AND He was fulfilling a prophecy. Long before Jesus was born, a prophet had given a sign so people could recognize the coming Saviour.

Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt."

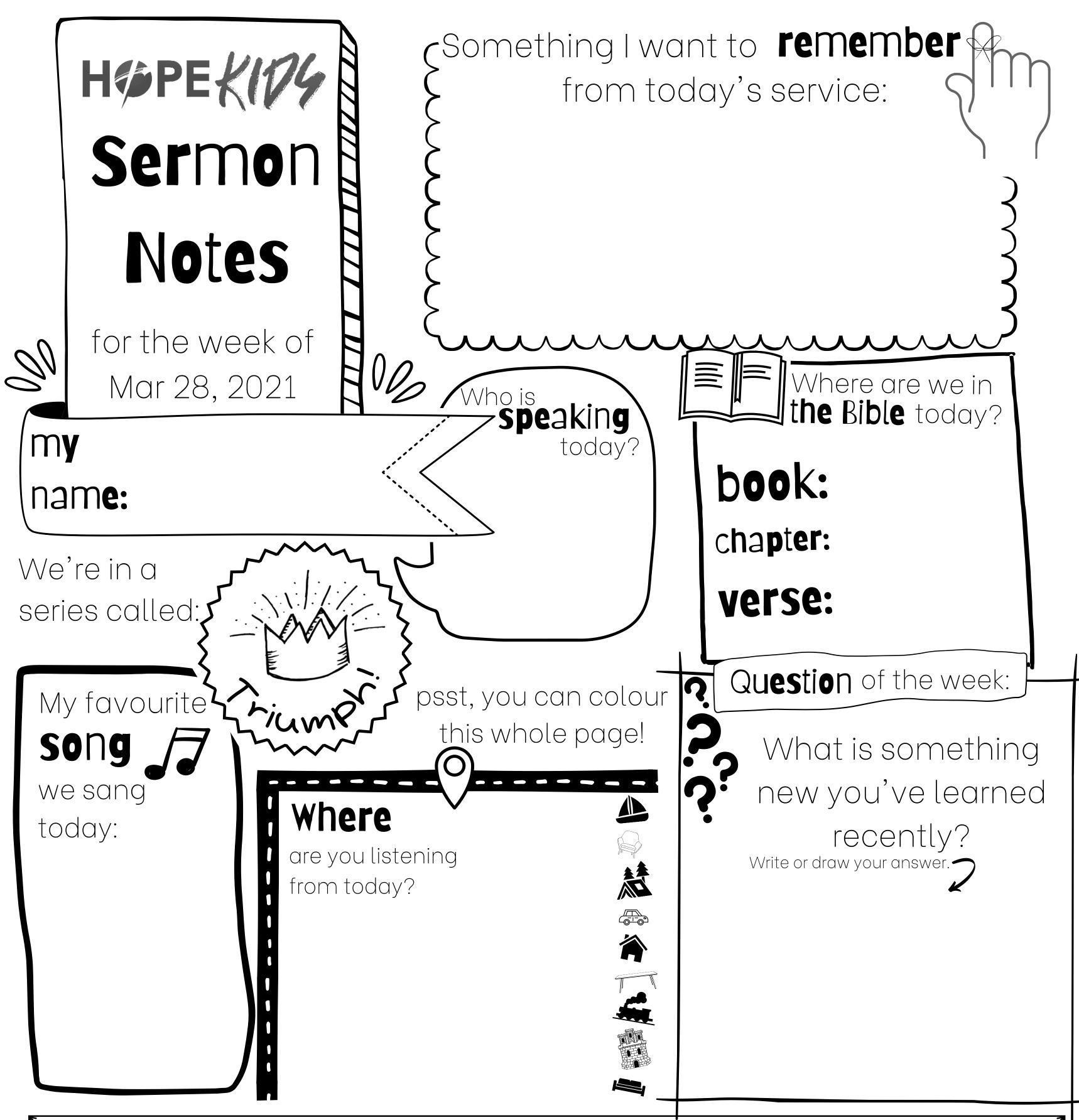
So what was happening here? The people gathered and cheered for Jesus. Some versions of the story use the word "Hosanna" which means "save us." The people wanted someone who would save them from the cruel Romans who ruled over them. They hoped Jesus would deliver them. Of course, He would save them from sin, but not quite how they expected...do we ever do this? We might hope God answers our prayers a certain way, but His ways are usually a little different than what we want. The grouchy temple leaders tried to get the people quiet (vs 39). Look at what Jesus says, though. If they didn't cry His praises, the rocks would! Well, we can't let the rocks take our place, can we? We know and celebrate that Jesus came to save us and to give us new life. As we celebrate Holy Week, why don't you take some time to think about some ways you can praise Him and tell others about Him? Maybe you can share Jesus with a friend who is sad and depressed, maybe you can sing songs of praise together with your family, maybe you can invite a friend to Kids Club on Wednesday night, or send the link to a church service for someone to watch. There are all sorts of ways to praise Jesus so that the rocks don't have to cry out!



Review questions:

- To what city was Jesus traveling? (Jerusalem)
- What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? (a donkey)
- What did the crowd do to honor Jesus? (The crowd laid their robes and palm branches on the ground in front of Jesus' donkey)

How did the people act when they saw Jesus? People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.



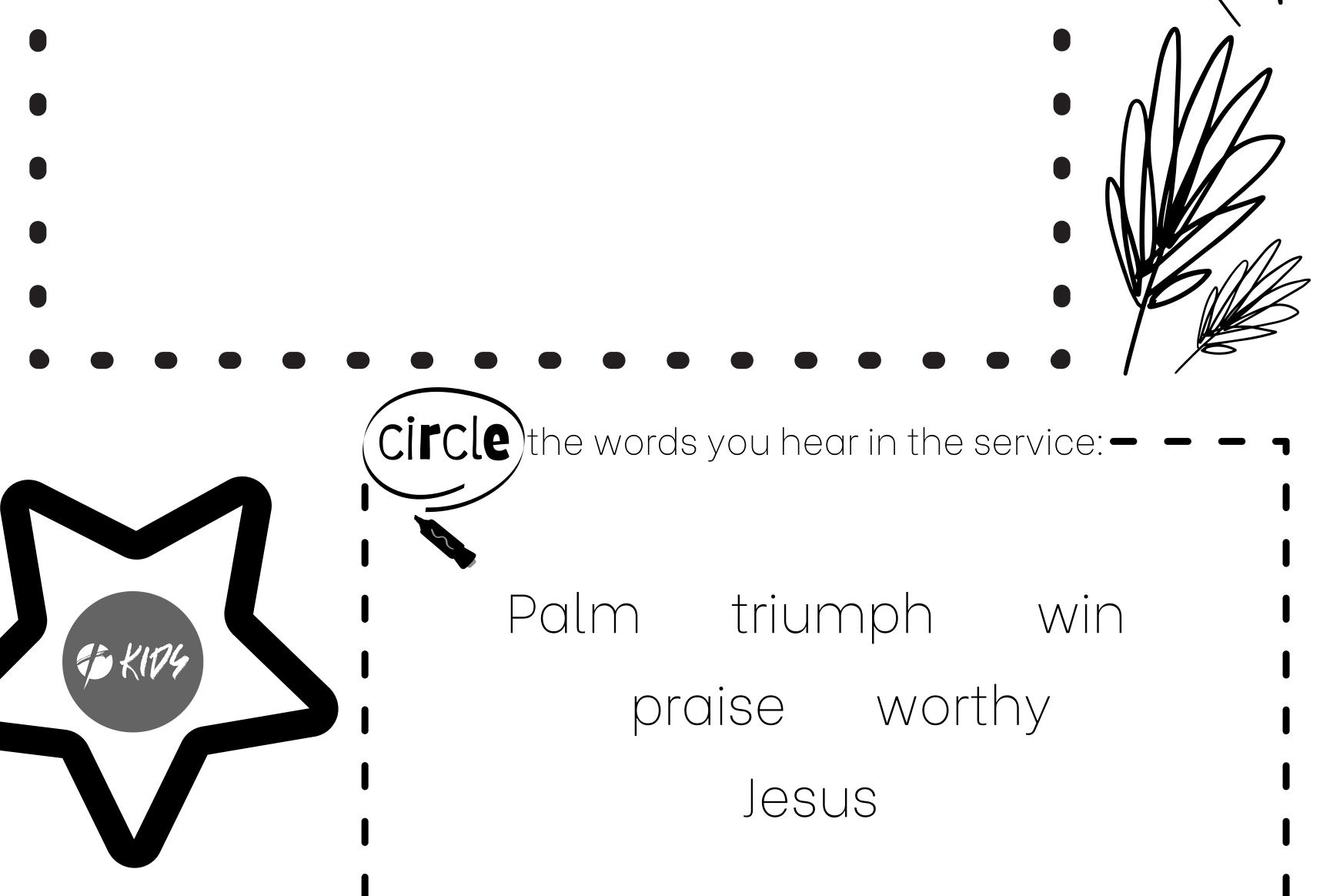
### Today I am**thankful** for:

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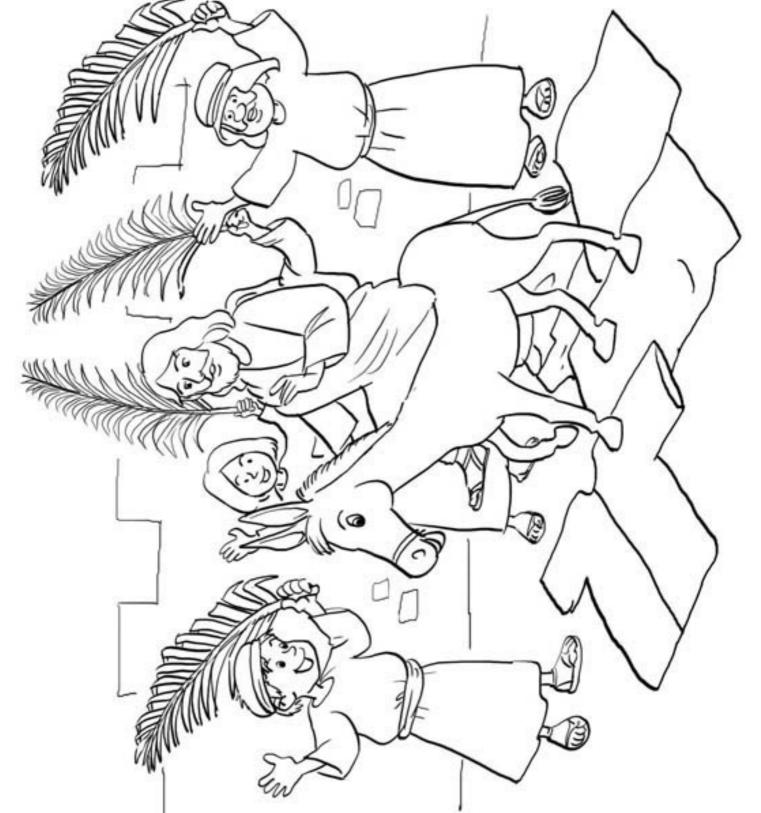


# Doodle Zone!

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#### Palm Sunday Hidden Message Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle and circle them. The words can be right to left, up and down. Hidden between, or touching those words, are six more hidden words. Circle those six words in a differerent color and write them in the correct order at the bottom of the page to unscramble the hidden message.

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