

## **Bible Story: Palm Sunday**

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1. Read the Bible story in the Spark Story Bible on pages 454-459.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What holiday were the people getting ready to celebrate?  
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  - b. Where did Jesus get the donkey?  
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  - c. What word did people keep shouting in celebration?  
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**Palm Sunday is the beginning of “Holy Week”, where we hear the story of Jesus’ road to the cross—his life, death, and resurrection. Throughout this week, we may feel very sad that people hurt Jesus and put him to death, but that is how he saved us from our sins. So his death was a bad thing that happened for a very good reason.**

### **Activity: Top This!**

**Just like God can make a bad thing good, you can turn black and white into other colors!**

1. Everyone will need a pencil, a piece of paper, a ruler (or something that has a straight side that you can draw against), and three paper plates.
2. On the first plate, draw a line across the middle of the plate. This will divide the plate into two halves. Color one half black. Put that plate to the side.
3. Take the second plate. Divide this plate into four equal parts by drawing a cross through the middle.
4. Your plate now has four equal parts. Color only one part black. Put that plate with the other.
5. We’re going to make one more plate—grab your third plate. We’re going to divide this plate into eight parts by drawing a stick star through the middle.
6. Make a cross; then draw an X over the cross. On this third plate, color every other piece black—so you should have black, white, black, white, etc.
7. The place where your lines cross is the middle. Push the pencil through the center of one plate at a time.
8. To make sure the plates don’t slip off the pencil, we’re going to wrap a piece of tape about 1 inch (2.5 cm) above the pencil point.
9. Put a piece of paper at your feet. This is so our pencils don’t make any marks on the floor. Pick one plate to put on the pencil. Put the pencil point on the paper. Hold on to the eraser part and give it a spin. It may take a few tries to get the tops spinning. If they seem too wobbly, move the piece of tape a bit lower.

**Look down at the plate as it is twirling. What do you notice?** \_\_\_\_\_

10. After you watch one plate spinning, put a different plate on your pencil and spin it again.

**Is there any difference in what happens?** \_\_\_\_\_

11. Now place the last plate on the pencil and spin it again.

**Is there any difference in what happens?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wow! That was great! We saw how black and white can spin into colors! And in the middle of one plate is a cross, and in the middle of another plate is a star. These are all great reminders of our stories today. Jesus died on a cross on a very dark day. But three days later, the angel in his tomb shone bright like a star. Dark and light, black and white. They seem like opposites, but when you put them together, you can get the whole colorful story!**

**Let us pray:** Dear God, when we are having a bad time, help us find our tops. When we see the cross and star, and create colors by spinning them, we'll remember how you made a bad thing good, and we'll know that things can get better. Amen.