



## “Hosanna!”

Riding into Jerusalem - Mark 11:1-10

Granny B sat on the porch of the farmhouse cutting out shapes from green paper. She looked up as she heard two little voices drawing near. “I’ll bet that’s Delbert and Lello,” Granny B thought.

She was right. Delbert and Lello were walking up the path to the house. As soon as they saw Granny B, they called out “hello!” and ran onto the porch.

“What are you doing Granny B?” Delbert asked, as he poked his nose into the shapes Granny B had cut out.

“I am going to make palm branches for Palm Sunday,” she replied.

“Ooooh,” said Delbert. “Um, Granny B, what is Palm Sunday?”

Granny B stood up. “Hold on just a minute. I’ll go inside and grab my Bible. I’ll read you two a story to show you why we celebrate Palm Sunday.” She quickly returned carrying her Bible.

Granny B sat back down in her rocking chair and opened the book. “Let’s look inside the Bible:”

Jesus told His followers, “Go to the village ahead of you. Just as you enter it, you will find a donkey’s colt tied there. No one has ever ridden it. Untie it and bring it here. Someone may ask you why you are doing this. If so, say, ‘The Lord needs it, but He will send it back here soon.’”

So they left. They brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their coats over it. Then Jesus rode the donkey into town. Many people spread their coats on the road. Others spread branches they had cut in the

fields. Those in front and those in back shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Haw! Wait a minute. Jesus rode on a donkey? Like me?" Delbert asked excitedly.

"He sure did, Delbert," laughed Granny B, "and the people spread out their coats so the donkey carrying Jesus had a very special path."

"I like the part about using palm branches to praise Jesus," Lello added.

"Do you two remember what the people shouted as Jesus entered the town?" Granny B asked.

Lello nodded. "I do. They said, 'Hosanna!' We could say that too," Lello replied.

"Haw! Or, we could sing and dance and pray!" shouted Delbert.

Granny B laughed. "Those are great ideas."

"Granny B, could we have a few of the palm branches you are making? I'd like to find Beaker the Duck and tell him the story of Jesus riding into town," Lello said.

"I want to tell Beaker Jesus rode a donkey, just like me!" Delbert exclaimed.

Granny B scooped up a few of the green paper branches and handed them to Lello and Delbert. The two animals ran off the porch. Half way down the path, they looked back, waved their branches, and shouted "Thank you, Granny B! Have a happy Palm Sunday!"