



Hosanna!

The Triumphal Entry
Mark 1:1-10

Pops happened to walk by the garden right at the moment Delbert began jumping up and down. He watched as Lello ran over to Delbert and she, too, began to jump up and down. Pops, curious about their excitement, entered the garden.

"Why are you two jumping?" Pops asked with a deep laugh.

"My vegetables are growing...and I see some carrots which are ready to eat. I can't wait to taste one!" Delbert exclaimed. With that he pulled one of the carrots and gobbled it up.

"How was it?" Lello asked curiously.

"Haw! De-licious! Yum, yum, yum," he answered and quickly ate another carrot in three big bites!

"You sure do love carrots," Pops remarked.

"Of course," Delbert began, his mouth still full of carrots, "all donkeys love carrots!"

"Delbert, did you know that just this morning Granny B and I read a Bible story about a donkey?" Pops asked.

Delbert smiled and asked, "Was it the story where Jesus rides the donkey into town?"

"That's right," Pops replied.

Lello looked back and forth between Pops and Delbert. She couldn't remember that Bible story; she hoped one of them would tell it to her.

Pops noticed Lello's pleading look. "Delbert, why don't we tell Lello the story," he suggested.

"Haw! Sure! Jesus told two of his followers to go borrow a donkey for Him to ride. When they returned, Jesus rode the donkey into town. People put their coats on the road to welcome Jesus," Delbert began.

"Then what happened?" Lello asked.

"The people waved palm branches to praise Him and they shouted praises to Jesus as He rode by. Delbert, do you remember what they shouted?" Pops asked as he turned to Delbert.

Delbert jumped up and called out, "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

"Hosanna is a word of praise that means 'The Savior is coming!'" Pops explained.

Lello grinned. "Wow, those people were so lucky to be able to praise Jesus like that," she said, still smiling.

Pops said, "Lello, we can praise Jesus like that, too."

Lello looked surprised but before she could ask another question Delbert had run off and returned with tree branches. He gave one to Lello and one to Pops.

"Hosanna! Hosanna!" Delbert began to shout.

Pops began to shout "Hosanna!" with Delbert. It wasn't long before Lello joined in, waving her branch and shouting "Hosanna!" The three were quite a sight to see. They marched around the garden praising Jesus. When they had made it all the way around the garden, Pops asked to taste one of Delbert's carrots and they all celebrated with a crunchy snack.