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DONKEY TRACKS

(Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 10: 1-10; Luke 19:28-38; John 12:12-19) "Hey! What's the big idea?"

The call cut through the air like a shot. Were strangers trying to steal a donkey in broad daylight? "Why are you untying that colt?"

The disciples quickly answered, "The Master needs him!"

"Oh! Go ahead then!"

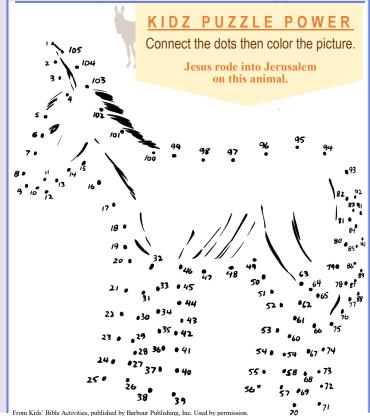
The disciples were not surprised. Things always worked out right if they followed Jesus' directions, but this was troubling. When Jesus left Bethany that morning to go to Jerusalem, He sent two disciples on ahead. "You will find a young donkey tied up – a young untamed colt that has never been ridden. Bring him to Me."

They moved quickly, but what was Jesus thinking? Surely He knew donkeys had to be trained and broken to ride, and donkeys could be stubborn! This one might balk at being led and kick or buck at feeling the weight of a man on his back! And what might he do if frightened by the crowd? This could spell trouble!

Nevertheless, the men took the colt to Jesus. Wonder of wonders! The donkey didn't bray or kick or balk; he didn't plant his hooves and refuse to budge. He stood still as the men put cloaks on him as a saddle for Jesus and barely made a motion

as Jesus settled on his back.

By now the crowd was huge! People in the procession were singing glorious praises, and waving palm branches. "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" To them, Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey was the sure sign that He was the king for whom they had waited so lona! They waited over 500 years, since the prophet Zechariah's time. The identifying marks were there!



"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalm 37:23

Be sure to take your vitamins and say your Vita-Verse every day!)



Can you memorize this verse and say it for your parents or teacher?





No, Smokey, No!

Do you remember Smokey, Aunt Carolyn's kitty in the story, *Smokey Blue*? Well, Smokey brought another **Trophy** to Aunt Carolyn last week—a **huge** wood rat! It was 12 inches long! She brought it inside and laid it on the carpet so Aunt Carolyn would be sure to see it. Thankfully Smokey killed the rat first, so she must be a hero!

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...Donkey Tracks continued.

"...Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9:9). The people were delirious with joy!

Soon the little donkey's work was done. He returned to his owner to humbly serve as a worker and bearer of burdens. But the crowd's joy was short lived, for soon harsh religious leaders stirred the people against Jesus. In only a few days, these same people would be in the crowd that mocked and shouted, "Crucify Him," as Jesus struggled to carry His heavy cross up Golgotha's hill.

The donkey was only a four-legged beast, but he willingly made tracks doing God's will. Can God say that about you? "Oh," you say "I'm no donkey!" That's true. You are much higher. You were created in the likeness and image of God! You have a soul that will live somewhere forever. You have a conscience to know the difference between right and wrong. You have sinned, but "Christ died for our sins." Don't be stubborn or balk at what is right. Trust Christ as your only Savior and obey Him. Let your "tracks" honor the Lord!

KIDZ QUIZ

WHAT A SIGHT!

What judge in Israel had 30 sons and each rode his own ass colt (donkey)?

Find the answer in Judges 10:3-4 and write it on the line below.

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How many donkeys can you find in this issue of Kidz Newz?