

Before you start....

Sit somewhere comfortable.

Turn off or move away from distractions like the TV or your phone to help you focus on God. These resources are to help you spend time with God when you can't go to church or youth group. They are designed for young people aged 11-18. You might want to write or draw something to remember how God speaks to you during your time with Him, or you could send a message to your youth leader to let them know you've been praying!



Look at the image.....

Take your time and look closely. How does it make you feel?

What makes you feel joyful? What do you feel like praising God for today?

Read the Bible.....

Read Mark 11: 1-11 in your Bible. If you don't have a Bible at home, you can read it here:

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mar k+11%3A1-11&version=NIV

Think about.....

+ Jesus asked the disciples to do something pretty strange and 'borrow' a donkey. Have you ever felt Jesus ask you to do something you didn't understand? How would you react if he did?

+ The people shouted 'Hosanna' because they wanted to praise Jesus – he was like a hero to them. Who do you see as your heroes? Why? Do you worship and admire Jesus as much as these heroes?

+ This verse comes at the beginning of the story which ultimately leads to Jesus' death. There are some unhappy times to come for his followers but in this passage, they are full of joy and praise. Today, focus on what fills you with joy and thank God for it. Listen to 'Hosanna' by Hillsong Worship as you think about praising God for all the things that bring you joy:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnMevXQutyE

Pray.....

Put one hand out in front of you with your palm facing upwards. Trace the lines on your hand with your finger while you read these words:

God, we praise you because you are with us when we feel joyful and when we don't. Help us to be remember your awesome generosity even in the face of challenge. Help us to see Jesus as a hero worthy of our worship and praise. Amen

