

# Mini-church

## Mini-Church Rota - THE EASTER STORY (March/April)

date	teacher/ helper	story	bible ref. (Everyday Bible)	activity
		<p><b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Play pin the tail on the donkey</i></p>	<p>Matt ch 21 v 1-16 <b>p427</b> p464</p>	<p>Make large palm leaves by hand printing with green paint.</p>
		<p><b>The Last Supper/Judas betrays Jesus/The Trial/The Crucifixion</b></p>	<p>Matt ch 26 &amp; ch 27 <b>p437-452</b> p476-485</p>	<p>Make cross-shaped pendants &amp; decorate to make necklace</p>
		<p><b>Jesus is raised from the dead</b> <b>Jesus goes to Heaven</b></p>	<p>Matt ch 27 v 35 &amp; ch 28 v 1-20 <b>p453-472</b> p486-499</p>	<p>Make chicks - have live chicks visit?!</p>

The bold page number refers to **The Beginners Bible** (published by Zondervan, USA - ISBN 0-310-92610-6). First number in **bold** is from most recently published version - second, not in bold, is from earlier published versions. Recommended bible to use is The Everyday Bible - New Century Version (published by Word Publishing, a division of Thomas Nelson, Inc.).

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Colour in the picture making the palm leaves green.

## Palm Sunday

'They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus and laid their coats on them, and Jesus sat on them. Many people spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The people were walking ahead of Jesus and behind him, shouting, "Praise to the Son of David! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!" '

Matthew ch 21 v 1 - 3.

## Palm Sunday activity

Depending on how long you have in a lesson...

To make large palm leaves either:

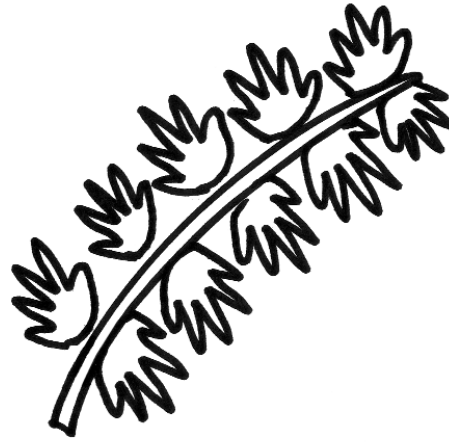
*Longer version...*

Get the children to do lots of hand prints using green paint, allow to dry and cut the hand prints out. Attach down either side of a thick cardboard strip to look like a palm leaf as shown.

or:

*Quick version...*

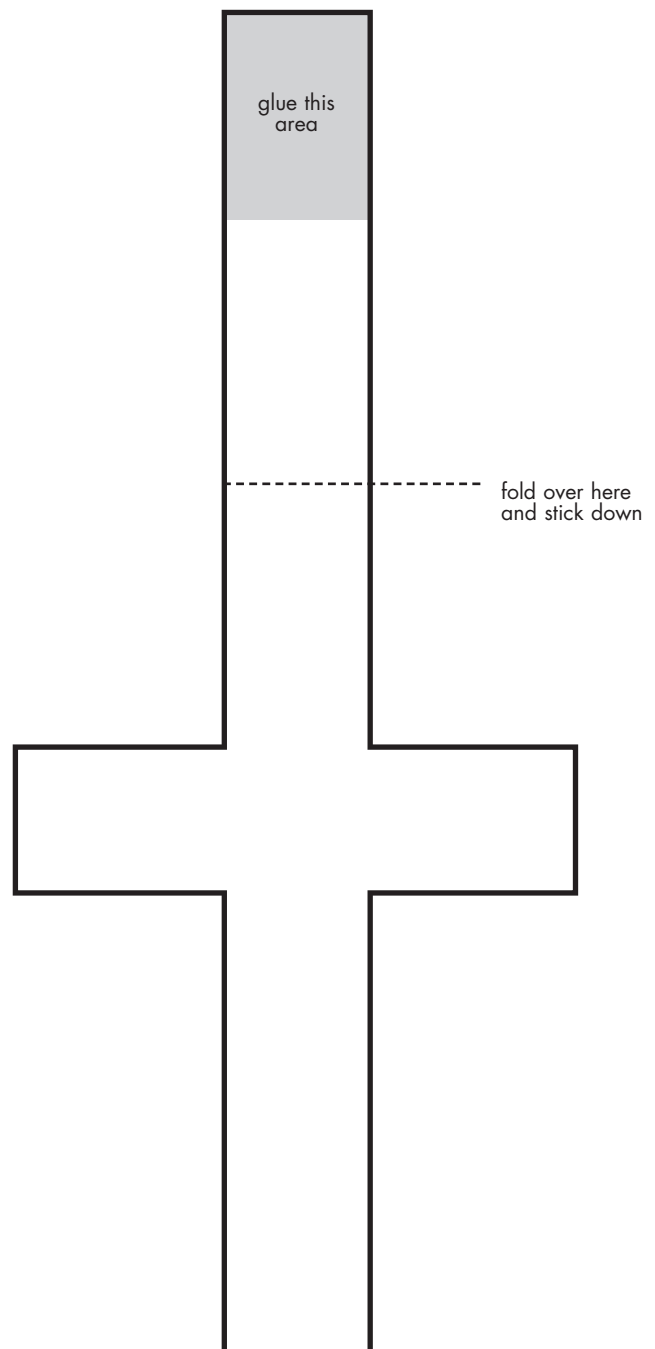
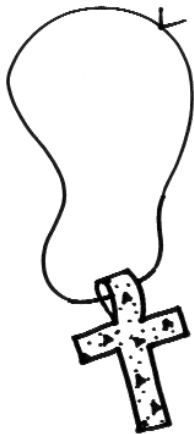
Draw palm leaf stems on large pieces of paper, and get each child to make a palm leaf by hand printing with green paint down each side of the stem.



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## Jesus' Cross necklace activity

Cut out crosses from coloured card, as shown opposite, enough for one for each child. Get the children to decorate them, using pens, stickers and glitter. Fold the top of the cross over where indicated, and glue to stick down the area as shown. Thread string through the loop that is made and tie the ends to make a necklace, as shown below.



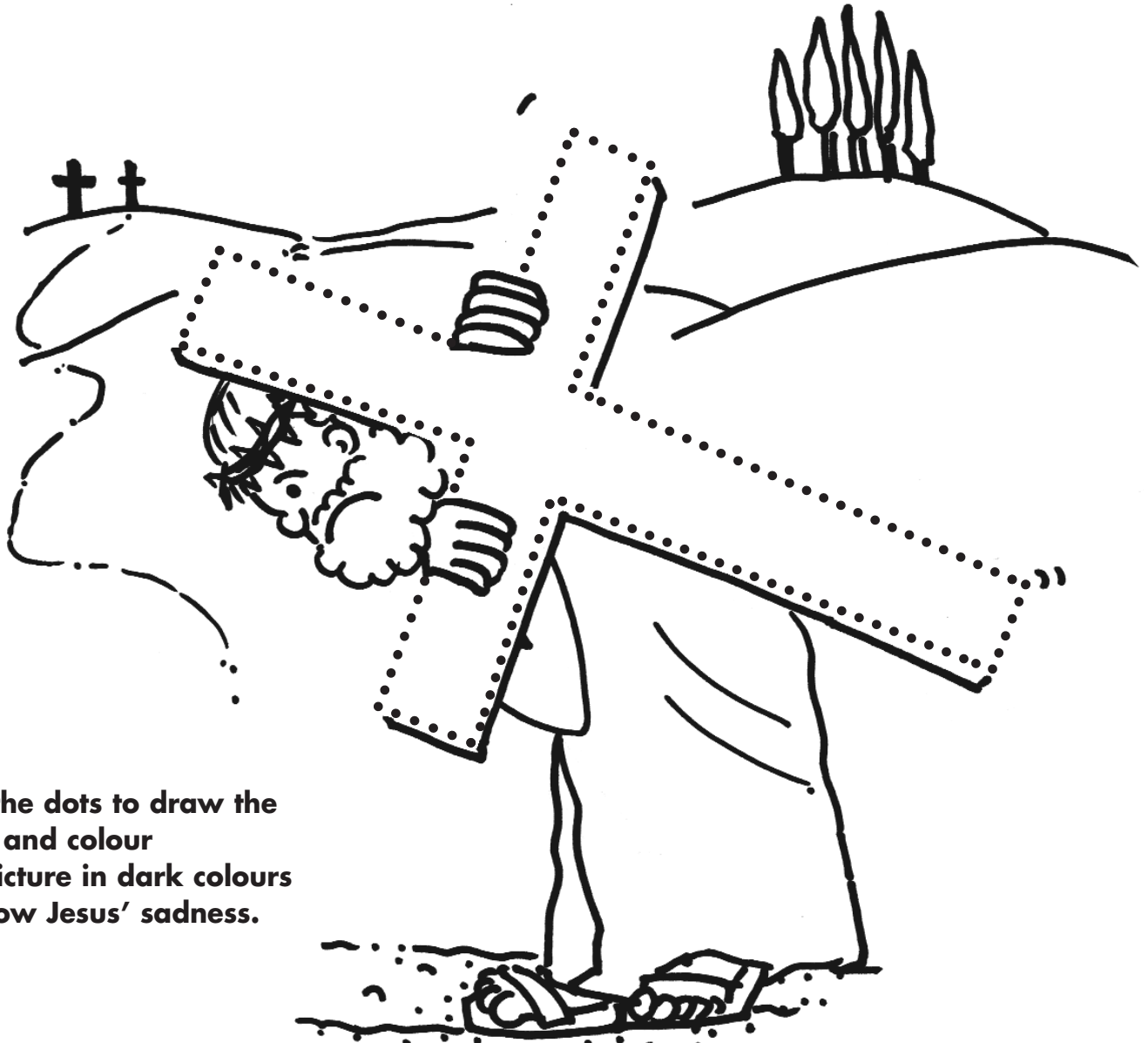
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Join the dots to draw the cross and colour the picture in dark colours to show Jesus' sadness.

## Jesus dies on the Cross

'At noon the whole country became dark and the darkness lasted for three hours. About three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice... "My God, my God, why have you rejected me?..." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice and died... the earth shook and rocks broke apart. The graves opened, and many of God's people who had died were raised from the dead.'

Matthew ch 27 v 45 - 52.

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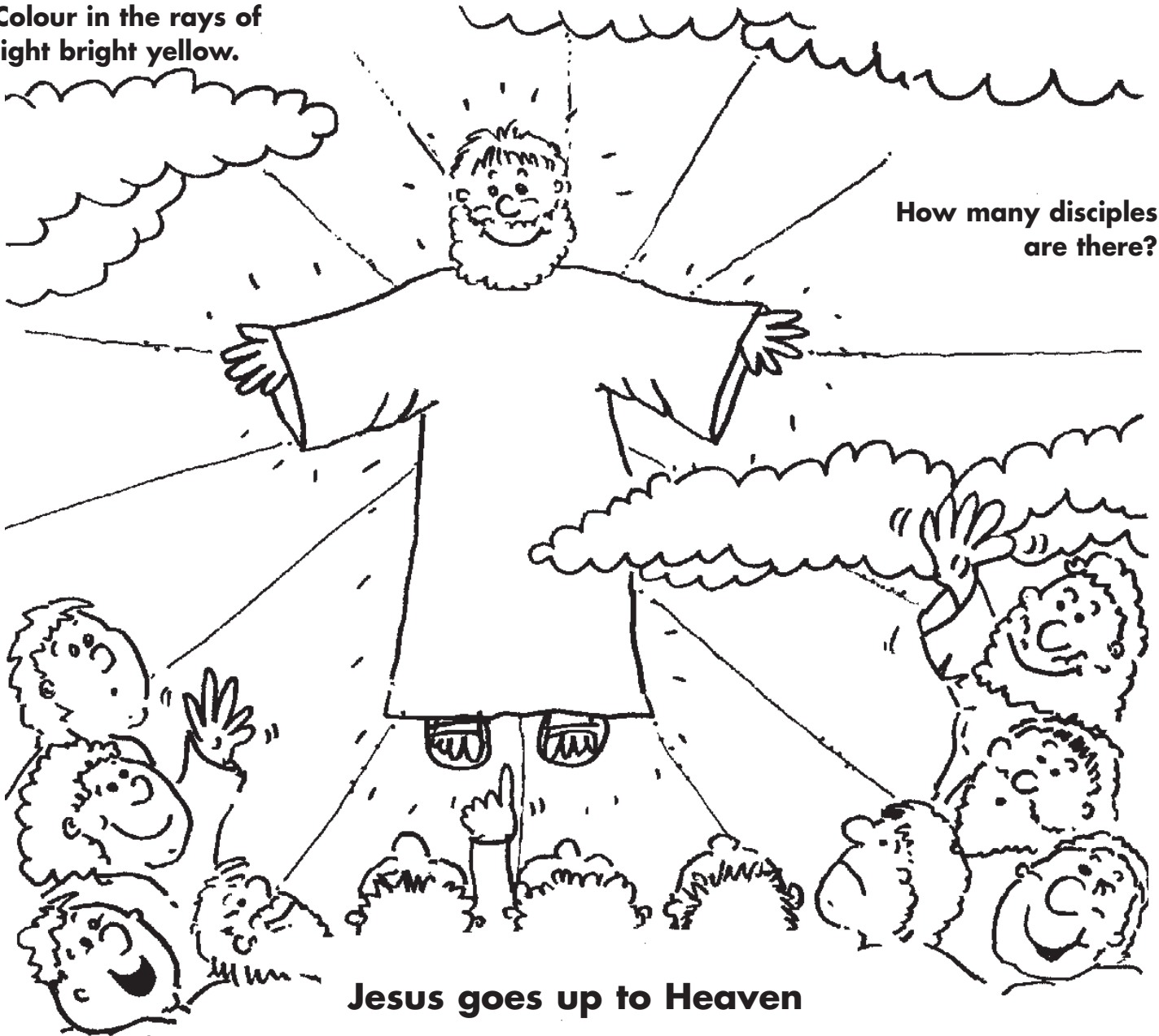
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How many disciples are there?

## Jesus goes up to Heaven

'The eleven followers went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshiped him, but some of them did not believe it was really Jesus. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me... and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age." '

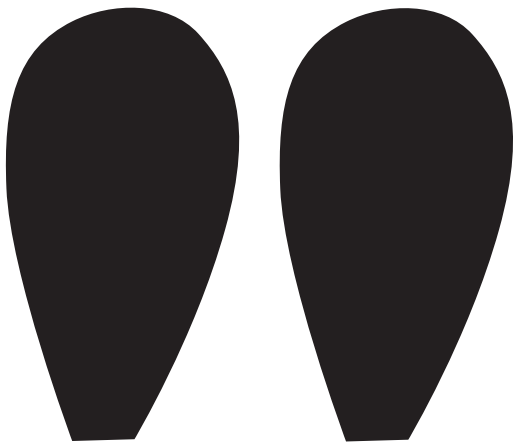
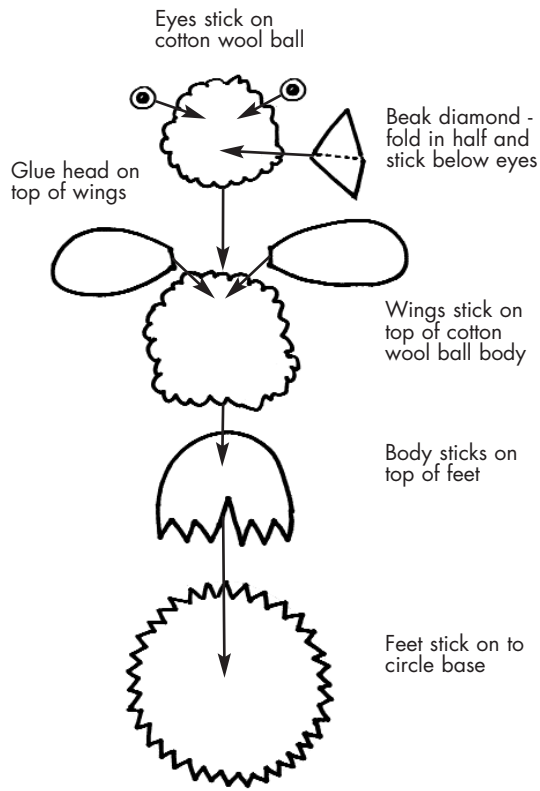
Matthew ch 28 v 16 - 20.

## New Life - Easter chick activity

To make Easter cotton wool chicks, you will need...

- Yellow (or white) cotton wool balls
- Wobbly eyes
- Yellow, orange and green card
- Glue

Cut out the shapes shown, from the correct colour card, enough for one set of shapes for each child. Give each child a set of coloured card shapes, two cotton wool balls and two wobbly eyes. The children can then put the chicks together using glue, to end up as shown below.



wings cut from **yellow** card



base circle cut out with pinking scissors using **green** card



beak and feet cut from **orange** card