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It was nearly time for the biggest festival of the year.

“Let’s go to Jerusalem,” said Jesus to his friends. “That’s the best place to be at festival time.”

Jesus rode to the city on a donkey. People began to whisper. “Look! Jesus is riding to Jerusalem. He looks like a king!”

“God bless the king!” shouted someone. Everyone began to cheer. They cut palm branches and waved them like flags.

