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The Little Colt's Task

As Jesus neared Jerusalem, he sent some friends ahead.

“Go into the village where a colt awaits,” he said.

“Untie the colt and bring it here. If someone there should ask, just say to them, ‘It’s for the Lord. He needs it for a task.’”

Now when the two arrived in town, they found the colt was there. But as the friends untied its reins, the owners stopped the pair.

“Why have you untied our colt?” they sternly asked the two.

“It’s for the Lord,” the friends replied, as Jesus said to do.



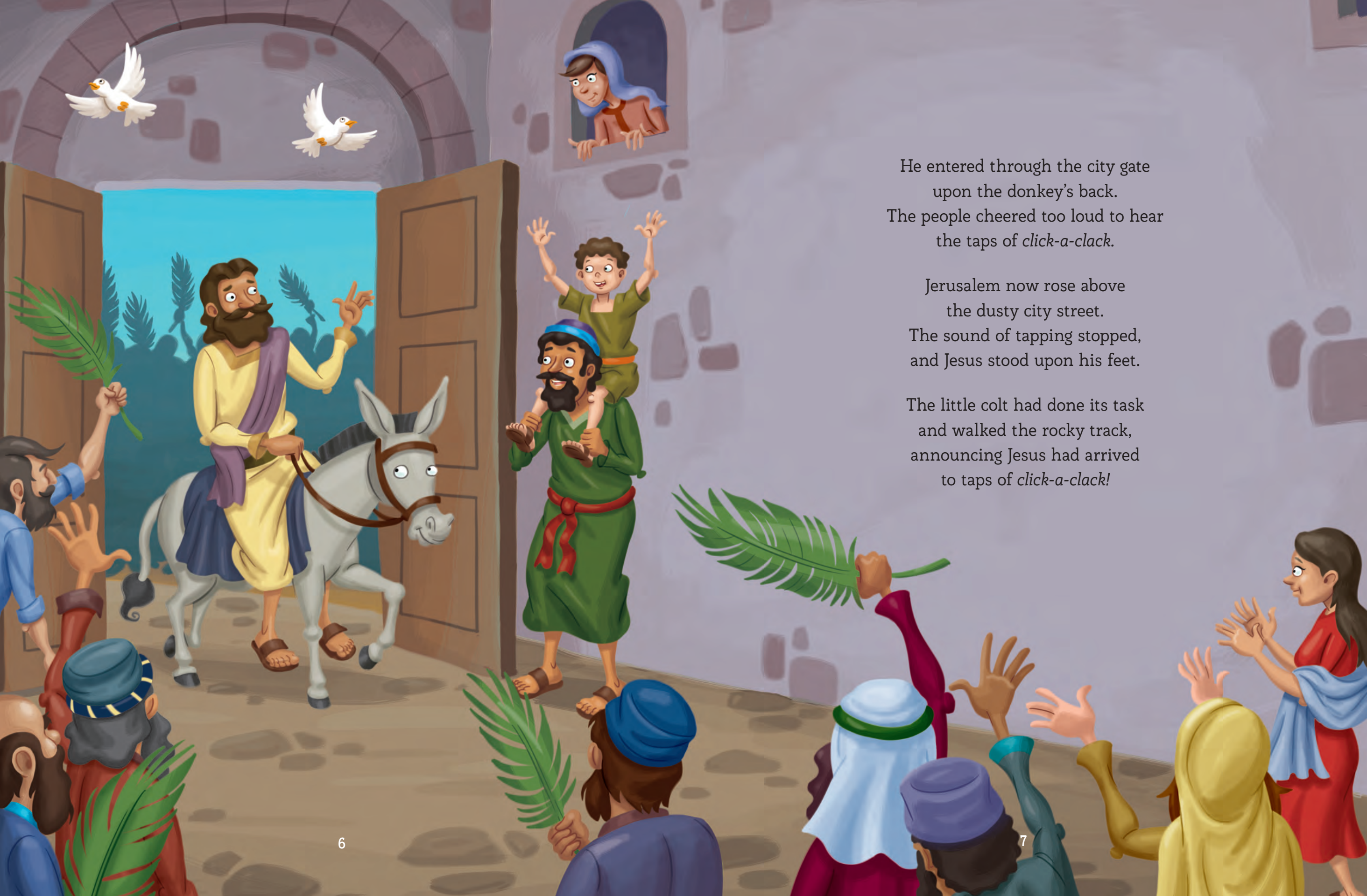
They took the colt to Jesus. Cloaks were spread upon its back.
He slowly rode the colt away. Its hooves tapped *click-a-clack!*

As Jesus neared Jerusalem, the people gathered 'round.
Then some removed the cloaks they wore and laid them on the ground.

Still others spread the leaves of palms along the rocky track.
The beast of burden ambled on to taps of *click-a-clack!*



The crowd grew large, the crowd grew loud.
They cheered as Jesus came.
They shouted, "Glory to the Lord!"
and praised his holy name.



He entered through the city gate
upon the donkey's back.
The people cheered too loud to hear
the taps of *click-a-clack*.

Jerusalem now rose above
the dusty city street.
The sound of tapping stopped,
and Jesus stood upon his feet.

The little colt had done its task
and walked the rocky track,
announcing Jesus had arrived
to taps of *click-a-clack!*



Floating to Heaven

Later, they hid in a room as before.
They closed all the shutters, they bolted the door.

Then suddenly, Jesus was there in the room,
looking better than when he was laid in the tomb.

Was he really alive? Or was Jesus a ghost?
It seemed to be him. Well, they thought so—almost.

Then he spoke to his friends. He said, “Peace be with you.”
And he tried to convince all his friends it was true.



He said, "Why are you troubled, and why do you doubt?
Just look at my hands and my feet. Check 'em out!"

"It is I, not a ghost. Is a ghost bones and skin?
See the wound in my side? Take your hand, put it in."

So they did. And at last all his friends really knew—
what the women had said they had seen had been true!

So Jesus hung out with his friends for a while,
till the day that he left with a wave and a smile.



He said, "I must return to my Father above.
You must preach to the world about God's endless love.

"You must preach the good news. You must tell all creation,
and preach of salvation from sin to each nation."

Then he held out his hands, and he lifted them high,
and he blessed all his friends as he rose in the sky.

Up, up Jesus floated, straight up out of sight,
up, up into heaven, to sit at God's right.

His friends all rejoiced as he floated to heaven.
Though Jesus had gone, he had left the eleven.

He'd told them to go and not hide as they'd hid,
and to preach the good news to the world.



So they did.