

**GOD'S BIG PROMISES**

**The Story of  
Easter**

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# BIG PROMISES

The Bible is a big book, and there are lots and **LOTS** of true stories in it. But the Bible is also **ONE BIG TRUE STORY**. In the Old Testament part (the part before Jesus was born), God made lots of **AMAZING** promises. He promised...

to send a king...

who would rescue...

God's people...

who would be full of joy...

and live with him forever in his kingdom-land.

This book is all about how, at the first Easter, Jesus, God's Son, kept those promises. So keep a lookout for these clues on the pages to spot God keeping his promises!

God **KEEPS** his promise...

About a  
**KING**



To **RESCUE**



About his  
**PEOPLE**



That he will bring  
**JOY** – happiness



About a forever  
**LAND** to live in



# The King on the Donkey

Matthew 21:1-9; Luke 19:28-40



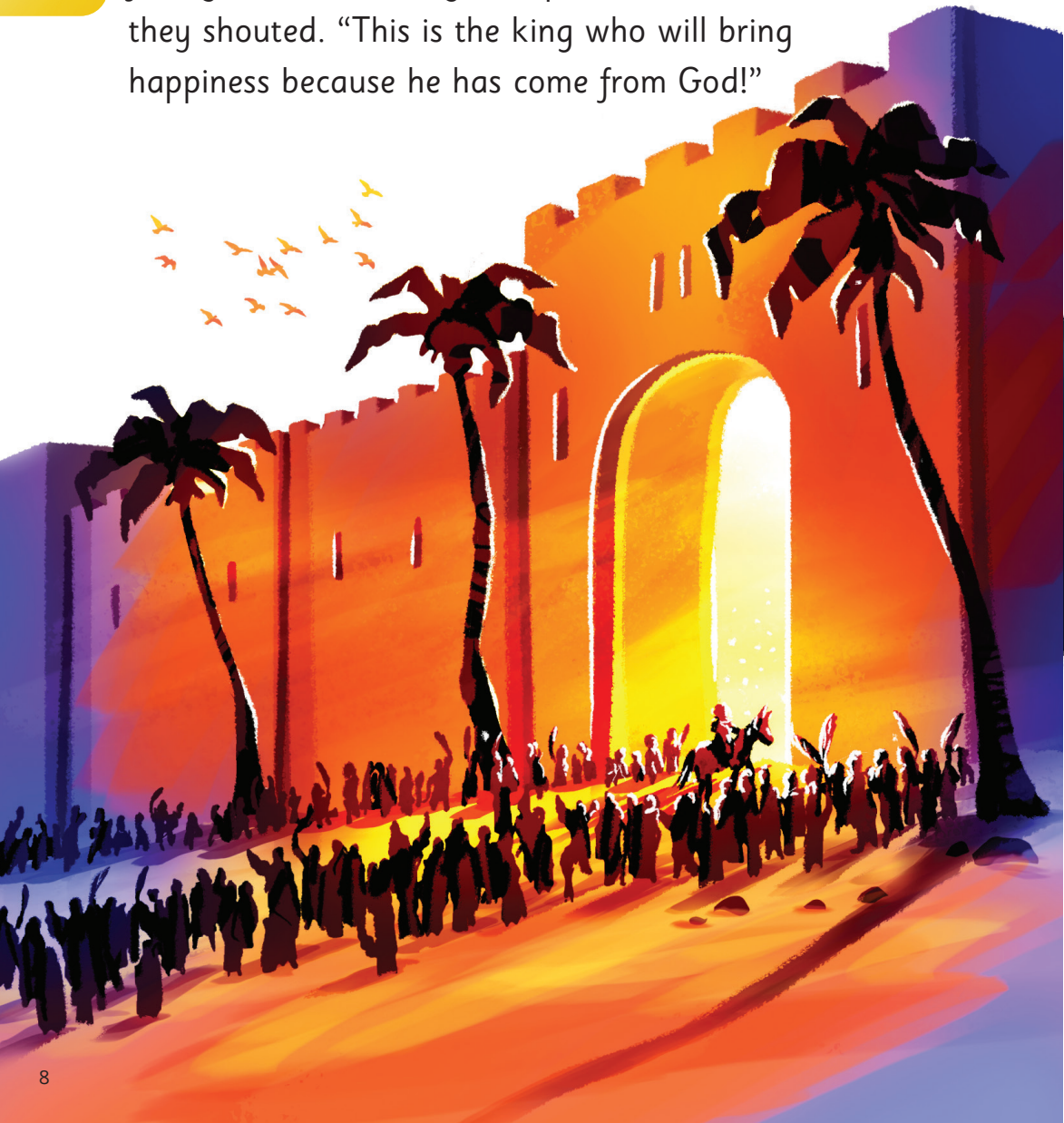
Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God's messenger Zechariah had said that when God's promise-keeping king came, he would ride into Jerusalem on a young donkey.

Jesus and his friends were near Jerusalem. So he sent two of his disciples to a village. "You will find a young donkey there," he told them. "Untie it and bring it to me."

The disciples found the donkey just as Jesus had said they would, and Jesus rode it into Jerusalem. Crowds of people spread their cloaks and tree branches across the road in front of him.



“Yay, this is the king from great King David’s family! This is the king God promised to send!” they shouted. “This is the king who will bring happiness because he has come from God!”







Some of the religious leaders were not happy, though. “Tell these people to stop saying these things about you,” they grumbled to Jesus.

Jesus said, “If these people have to keep quiet, I will get the stones on this road to shout about who I am.” And off he rode, on his donkey, into Jerusalem.