

Welcome, I'm Miss Robin and this is the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids.

Today is the second episode in our countdown to Easter. If you haven't heard the first episode go back and listen to episode 90 - It's Ok To Cry.

Have you ever seen a donkey? Donkeys are actually a combination of a horse and a mule and have long ears. Donkeys were often used to carry people from place to place. They can live a long time and can also be very stubborn at times!

Today you'll meet Colten, the donkey who carried someone very special on his back. Listen in.

"Hee Haw, Hee Haw!" Colten the donkey jumped around unable to get free from the rope that tied him and his mother to the hitching post in the village.

"Today is the day, Mother," Colten whined.

"Calm down little one," Mother Donkey replied. "You need to be patient, remember good things come to those who wait."

Colten knew Mother Donkey was right but he was a stubborn donkey and continued to pull on the rope, nibbling it with his teeth. He wanted to meet the king more than anything. As he listened his long ears perked up. He heard the sounds of people rushing from the village on their way to the city.

"Why are the people running with branches in their hands?" Colten was a very curious donkey and often his curiosity got him into more trouble than usual.

"You'll see," Mother Donkey responded.

"But it's not time for us to leave yet,"

"Eat some oats and drink some water. You'll need to be well rested and strong enough to carry the King into the city!" she continued.

Colten knew mother was right and that he had been chosen for a special job. He needed to obey his mother.

"Ok, Mother," Colten stopped pulling at the rope and laid down. He ate his oats and drank the water his master had given him.

“What are you doing?” voices could be heard from outside the stable. The voices of people asking questions.

“We have come for the donkey and her son,” two men replied.

Looking up, Colten saw the men approach and untie his mothers rope. Then they untied his and led them both out into the street.

Colten was glad his mother was with him. He was excited but also a little scared.

“Don’t be afraid, son. You were chosen for this job way before you were born.”

Colten nervously walked with the men until they were in the middle of a crowded street.

“Hello Colten,” a man without a crown looked down at Colten.

“You don’t look like a king,” Colten said.

“See, your king comes to you gentle and riding on a colt.” Mother Donkey reminded her son.

The gentle king winked, not saying a word. Then he climbed onto Colten’s back and the parade began.

Then all the people shouted joyfully in loud voices as they threw their branches and coats onto the ground.

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

But as the city came into view Colten the donkey noticed something very strange.

The King was not happy, in fact the King was crying.

“Mother, shouldn’t the King be happy?” he asked. “So many people love him.”

“Son, the King knows that one day all these people who say they love him will reject him and their city will be destroyed. That makes him very sad.”

Colten felt a hand on his head. It was the hand of the gentle King.

“That’s right little donkey, But I love them so much. So much that it hurts.”

Then he patted Colten on the back.

“Don’t be afraid, little one. I will not reject them, I’m giving them my life.”

Then Colten, his mother and king rode into the city with their heads held high.

Now it’s time to talk about the story. Remember to pause the podcast after each question.

Why was Colten the donkey so excited?

What was the special job Colten was chosen to do?

Why did the King cry when he saw the city?

What did the King tell Colten he had come to do?

Ok boys and girls here is our verse to say and remember. I’ll say it first, then you say it with me, ok?

John 12:15

Don’t be afraid, see, your king is coming seated on a donkey’s colt.

Now, you say it with me. Here we go.

John 12:15

Don’t be afraid, see, your king is coming seated on a donkey’s colt.

I bet you already guessed who the king is in this story. You’re right, it was Jesus.

Jesus had just finished raising his friend Lazarus from the dead and now some of the same people who saw that miracle and believed that Jesus was their king gathered in the streets along with others to give him praise.

“Then why did he cry Miss Robin? When people are happy to see me and say nice things, it makes me happy not sad.”

“Well kids, Jesus knew that soon they would all reject him.”

“What does it mean to be rejected?”

“It means to not show any affection towards someone or something.”

“You mean the people went from shouting his name in love to shouting his name in hate?” Miss Robin.

“That’s exactly what I mean. We’ll hear more about that in a couple more episodes.”

“Then why did Jesus come?” Miss Robin

“Because he loved his creation. Remember that when Jesus created mankind on the 6th day, he said “It is good.”

God wanted us to love him back. Not because we have too but because we want to. He loves us even when we don’t love him and gave his one and only son Jesus to die for all our sins so we can be his children.

What a great and loving God we have.

I’m so glad you joined me today. If you’d like to learn more about me, Miss Robin, take your adult with you to my instagram account at @robinmarie59, I have some fun videos there along with lots of pictures of my family and my cats. You can also learn more about me and find coloring pages on my website at www.robinmarie.org along with all the transcripts to this podcast and to my NEW podcast for adults called “Chasing Different.”

Don’t forget to come back next week for another story in our countdown to Easter.

Until then remember Be brave, be kind and be different!

Bye.

