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## THE KING OF KINGS

A Story Told by Charles Dickens

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# CREATURE FEATURE



## DONKEY

**Scientific name:** Equus asinus

**Size:** up to 160 cm tall

**Weight:** up to 480kg

**Lifespan:** 25 to 40 years

**Diet:** herbivore

**Conservation status:** not at risk  
(domestic species)

### STATS:

🐾 Donkeys are found throughout the world. They are also known as burros or asses.

🐾 They belong to the same family as horses and zebras.

🐾 Compared to these animals, donkeys have a large head, long ears and a cow-like tail.

🐾 Their colours range from white to grey or black. They usually have a dark stripe from mane to tail and another stripe on the shoulders.

🐾 There are three main types of donkey: wild, feral and domesticated. The smallest donkey breed is the miniature donkey.

🐾 Wild donkeys are found in Northern Africa and the Middle East in deserts and savannas.

🐾 Some wild donkey species are critically endangered.

🐾 A male donkey is called a jack; a female is called a jenny or jennet.

🐾 Donkeys are grazers. They mostly like to eat grass but will also eat shrubs and desert plants.

🐾 They are very social animals and like to have company. They will often form strong bonds with other donkeys in their herds or other animals, often choosing a 'best friend' within their group.

# k THIS z Week...



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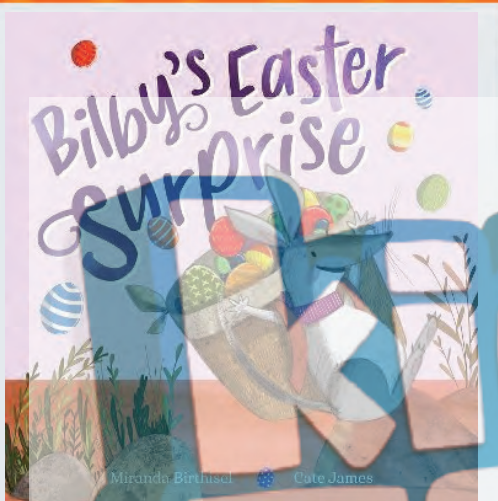
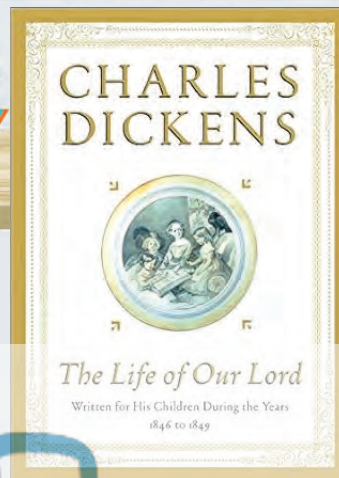
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*Bilby's Easter Surprise* —  
written by *Miranda Birthisel*;  
illustrated by *Cate James*

**What it's about:** Bilby is super-excited to help the Easter Bunny deliver eggs this year. But when things don't go to plan, she'll have to use some quick thinking to stop Easter morning becoming a disaster!

**What we love:** A delightful Easter story with an Aussie twist! Enchanting illustrations and witty rhyming text bring these beloved holiday characters to life. For Kidzoners 3 and up.

*The Life Of Our Lord* —  
written by *Charles Dickens*

**What it's about:** This is a simple retelling of the life of Jesus, adapted by Charles Dickens from the Gospel of Luke in the Bible. Charles Dickens wrote this book for his children because he thought Jesus' life was so amazing and important and he wanted to share it with them.

**What we love:** Because he wrote this specially for his children, Charles Dickens never allowed it to be published while he was alive. It wasn't until many, many years after Dickens died that his family decided that the book was too special not to share with the world.

This book inspired the new movie *The King of Kings*. Check out our feature on the film on pages 8 and 9. For Kidzoners 8 and up.

It's the  
**KIDZONE**  
**EASTER BONNET**  
**PARADE!**

Let's check out  
what they are all  
wearing!



by Rod Allen

D-Jayn has gone  
all out with her  
fashionable  
Bucket o' Eggs  
hat. I love it!



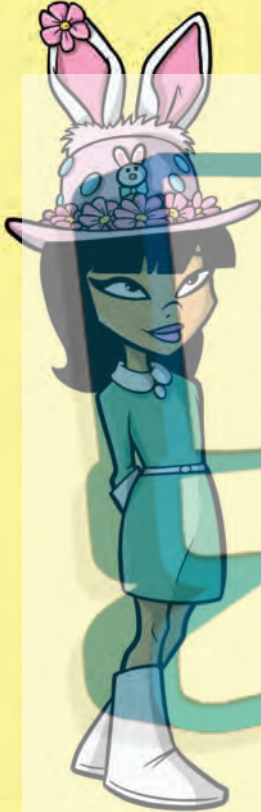
Awww ... Traveller  
looks adorable in her  
baby chicken hat.  
She could win for  
the cutest creation.



Poor Oliver! He  
spent weeks making  
his Easter bonnet  
but it disintegrated  
in the rain this  
morning - so he's  
wearing an egg cup  
on his head.



Oh, Faith is another contender for the 'Cutest Hat'! Here she is in her Easter Bunny bonnet.



Uh-oh! Jym decided to wear a LIVE chicken on his head. I'm not sure that was a great idea.

**SQUAWK!**



Hmmm ... Sam is just a wearing a gold cardboard crown on his head! What's THAT about?



At Easter time, we think about Jesus and how important he is in our lives. In the Bible it refers to Jesus as the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" - so I thought Easter would be a perfect time to wear a crown in honour of him.

# CK'S TREEHOUSE



Dear Kidzons, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

– Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:  
Cousin Koala, 95-99 Railway Rd,  
Blackburn Vic. 3130

I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?

Message: [kidzomag.com.au@treehouse](mailto:kidzomag.com.au@treehouse)

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To CK,  
My name is Kaiden but can you please call me King Master Kaiden?  
I'm thinking that you could come to my church (Camberwell Salvation Army) with the other characters. I love the Kidzons! And I thought of you making a Dogman movie Kidzone and a Blues Clues Kidzone.  
From King Master Kaiden.  
P.S. I also love YouTube.

Oh hey King Master Kaiden!  
Thank you so much! I'm super pumped you enjoy our magazine.  
That's quite the nickname you have there! I thought you might enjoy seeing your letter in our The King of Kings edition.  
Did you spot the Dogman movie Kidzone two weeks ago? Thank you for the fabulous ideas! I will look into Blues Clues too.  
I would love to visit your church. Are there any fun days coming up?  
Bear hugs - CK



Hello CK,  
My name is Daivik. I love to play cricket and I was once a top scorer! What is your fave movie? Mine is Kung Fu Panda 4. I love Dogman and I drew a photo of Big Jim. Could you please put my name on the birthday list? My birthday is 23 February and I turned eight this year.  
P.S. What is your favourite colour?  
Bye from Daivik

G'day Daivik!  
I have now added your name to the birthday list and would love to hear all about your 8th birthday!  
I love Dogman, too! I really enjoyed the new movie. Have you seen it yet? Your Big Jim pic is very well done! I reckon you could illustrate your own comic strip.  
I love playing and watching cricket. Congratulations on being top scorer. That's very impressive. Have you seen the Bluey episode called 'Cricket'?  
My favourite colour is green because it reminds me of the bush and yummy gumleaves. What's your favourite colour?  
Bear hugs - CK

COUSIN KOALA



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

SUN 13

Caitlyn Kondale

MON 14

Liam Perry (14)

TUE 15

Mateo Hodges (10)

FRI 18

Cecilia Griffin (9),  
Maddison Bullock (9)

Please put my name on the  
**BIRTHDAY LIST**

Full Name ..... Birth Date .....

Age Now .....

Parent's signature .....

If you are aged between five and 14 and would like your birthday/letter printed in Kidzone, fill in the coupon and send it to: Cousin Kaala™, 95-99 Railway Rd, Blackburn, 3130 or head to <https://www.kidzonemag.com.au/cktreehouse>.

Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.



# EASTER TIMELINE

## Palm Sunday

Jesus arrives at Jerusalem on a donkey, with crowds of people welcoming him by waving palm leaves and shouting 'Hosanna! God bless the King of Israel!'



## Thursday: The Last Supper

Jesus and his 12 friends have a special dinner together called the Passover.



## Jesus is arrested

Jesus goes to pray to God with some of his friends at a garden called Gethsemane. When he is finished, a crowd of people arrest him and he is taken away.



## Jesus goes to court

Jesus' appears before the Roman leader because his enemies have told lies about him. The Roman leader sentences Jesus to death.



## Friday: Jesus dies

Jesus dies on the cross. In the evening, two of Jesus' friends, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, lay his body in a tomb cut out of a rock, with a big heavy stone rolled across the opening.



## Sunday: Jesus comes to life again

Early in the morning, some women go to the tomb, but it is empty. An angel tells them Jesus isn't there because he is alive! Jesus appears to his disciples and many other people to show them he is alive!



# THE KING OF KINGS



**A FATHER TELLS HIS SON THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, AND WHAT BEGINS AS A BEDTIME TALE BECOMES A LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY.**

*The King of Kings is a new animated movie that invites us to rediscover the enduring power of hope, love and redemption through the eyes of a child.*

Charles Dickens was a master storyteller whose words have touched the world for many years. Producing so many books and publications, however, comes at a price. While Dickens was a loving father, his work often kept him distant from his family.

In particular, he struggled to connect with his youngest son Walter, a five-year-old dreamer. Inseparable from his best friend Willa the cat, Walter lives in his own imagination and sees the world in a unique way.

One day, Charles' reading performance at a London theatre is ruined by Walter's mischievous behaviour. Charles pleads with his son to try and enjoy the reading, but Walter is not

interested. Walter is completely obsessed with King Arthur, so Catherine Dickens (his mum) urges Charles to tell his son the story of the true king.

*Charles decides he will create a story not for the world but just for his family, especially Walter. He will tell the story that means everything to him, the story of Jesus, the greatest story ever told.*

Settling down by the fire, Charles describes to Walter the world of long ago. As the great storyteller tells him of the birth of Jesus, Walter's imagination is ignited. He sees the old stable, the visit from the angel, the three wise men and the shepherds. He is shocked by the brutal King Herod as he searches for the newborn king at all costs. He is thrilled by the daring escape that sends Mary and Joseph into hiding to keep Jesus safe.

With his father's words in his ears and his imagination running wild, Walter feels a deep connection with this story and truly feels he can experience what it was like in Jesus' time. From Jesus' humble beginnings to forming his band of faithful disciples, to performing miracles, Walter vividly sees and feels all that is happening. As the story unfolds, Charles and Walter's relationship begins to deepen.

Watching the events unfold, Walter feels the pain of Jesus' suffering. Charles guides his son through his sadness and helps him to understand that the story had to end this way. As Jesus is resurrected to bring his light into the world, the bond between father and son is made solid. Charles and Walter at last find the connection they were seeking. Through the power of story, father and son form a bond of love that will last their lifetime.







**BIBLE MESSAGE**

Using his vivid imagination, Walter walks alongside Jesus and witnesses his miracles, faces his challenges and understands his ultimate sacrifice. Movies like *The King of Kings* can help our imaginations too. Every time we read the incredible stories of Jesus' life (you can find them in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in the Bible), he invites us to walk alongside him and see the world and the people who fill it the same way he did. And the more time we spend with Jesus, the more we will learn to love people like he does.

*"This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you" (John chapter 15, verse 12).*

# Walter

**IN CINEMAS FOR EASTER 10 APRIL**



Celebrate Easter and  
Jesus as King of kings  
with your own ...

# PAPER CROWN



What you need:  
an adult's help, this  
crown template, this  
card, scissors, craft  
knife, black marker,  
cellophane, double-  
sided tape, glue, paint,  
decorating items

**1** Cut template off  
this page and stick to  
card with double-sided  
tape. Cut out.

**2** Ask an adult to cut out the  
triangles with a craft knife.

**3** If you have access to a  
printer make copies of the  
template to stick to more  
card and cut out, otherwise  
trace the first template on  
more card.

**4** Repeat one more time so that  
you have three parts of a crown.

**5** Use double-sided tape to stick the  
parts together. Finish off the details  
from the template with marker.

**6** Paint crown and decorate as  
you like. Turn crown over and  
stick pieces of cellophane over  
the triangles.

**7** Join both ends  
of the crown  
together with  
more double-sided  
tape to finish.

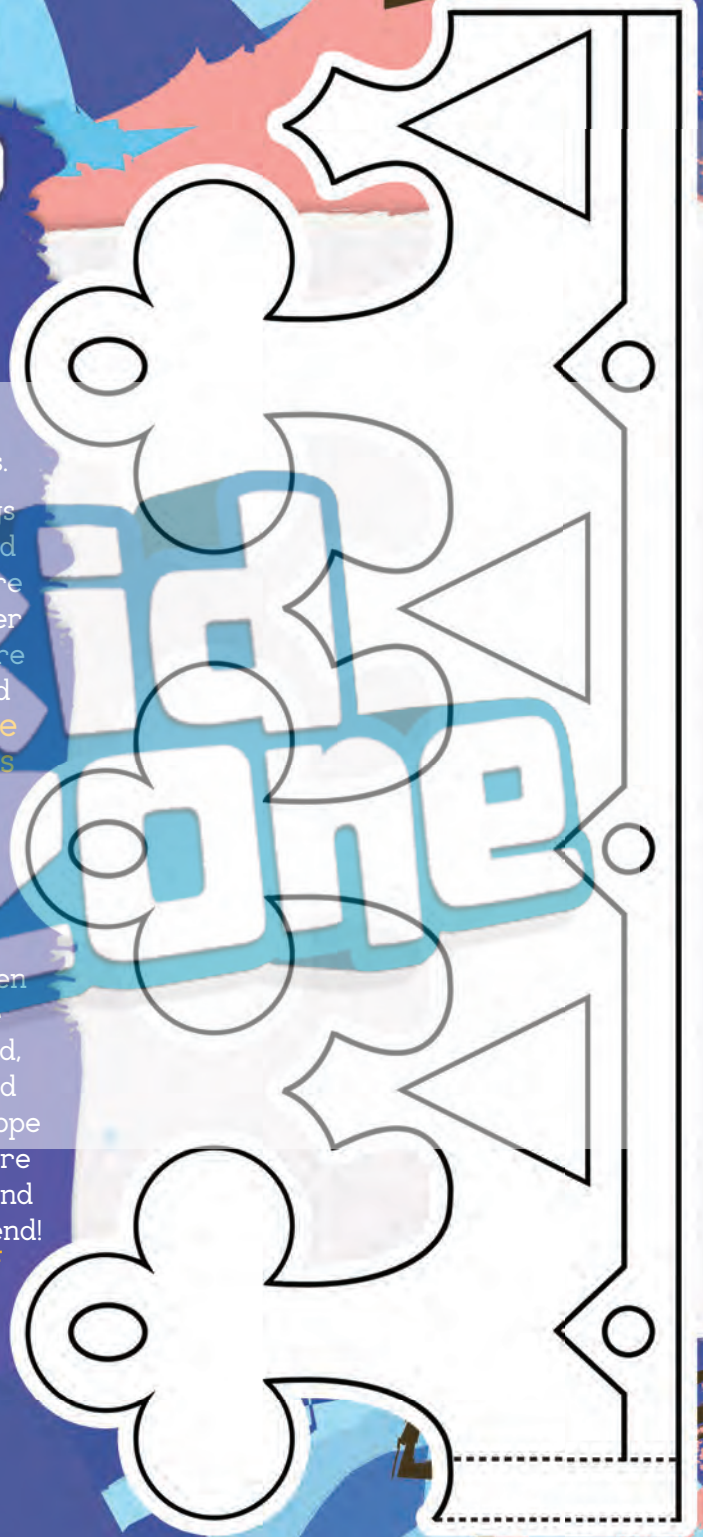




## BIBLE MESSAGE

A crown is the traditional form of headgear for a king or queen. Crowns have been used for a long time in many different countries and cultures.

There are many kings and queens mentioned in the Bible. Some were mean and loved power and riches, others were good and worshipped and loved God. But **the greatest of all kings is Jesus**. He didn't love power or money, he loved people and God. Jesus lived and spent time with ordinary people just like us when he was on Earth. He taught them about God, he helped the sick and spread a message of hope and love. No-one is more powerful than Jesus, and he wants to be our friend! **"Jesus is the King of kings,"** (Revelation chapter 17, verse 14<sup>o</sup>).



# EATS

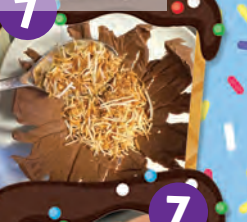
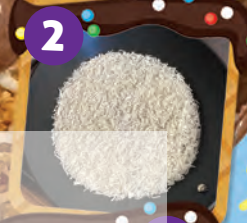
## I'M MAKING... EASTER EGG NESTS

### what you need:

an adult's help, 250g milk chocolate, plastic wrap, 3 to 4 small bowls, 1 cup shredded coconut, mini Easter eggs

### directions:

- 1 Wrap the outside of the bowls in plastic wrap and put them in the freezer for at least 5 to 10 minutes.
- 2 Ask an adult to help you heat a frypan on medium-low heat. Add one cup of shredded coconut and heat for 3 to 6 minutes, stirring often to brown evenly. Once golden brown, set aside to cool completely.
- 3 Break up the chocolate into small pieces and place in a microwave-proof bowl. Ask an adult to help you melt the chocolate in a microwave at 20 to 30 second intervals, stirring with a metal spoon until smooth.
- 4 Pour the melted chocolate into a zip lock bag and snip off a corner to create a piping bag.
- 5 Place the chilled bowls upside-down on a plate or tray and drizzle the chocolate back and forth to cover the bowls.
- 6 Place the chocolate bowls in the fridge to set for at least 10 minutes.
- 7 Once the chocolate is set, carefully remove the chocolate nest from the bowl and plastic wrap. Fill with the cooled toasted coconut and some chocolate eggs.



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Entries will be judged on artistic merit.



### Colouring Competition

Kidzone has three *Bunnycorn Surprise!* toys to give away!



**SEND YOUR ENTRY (BY FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025) TO:**  
Kidzone's Colouring Competition, 95-99 Railway Road, Blackburn VIC, 3130  
**OR HEAD TO [kidzonemag.com.au/competition](http://kidzonemag.com.au/competition) TO UPLOAD YOUR ENTRY.**

Full Name

Age

Address

Postcode

Parent's signature



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# SAMUEL'S MEGA PUZZLE!

## So much happened during Easter week, starting with Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Crowds of people stood along the road, waving palms leaves and calling out: "Hosanna! Bless the King!". He had a special dinner with his friends, known as the Last Supper, where Jesus told them that one of them would hand him over to his enemies. They didn't believe what he was saying!

But when he went with some of his friends to pray in the garden, soldiers took him away. Then came the saddest of days, Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross so that all the wrong things we've done can be forgiven. He was buried in a tomb with a big stone rolled across the entrance. But then came the happiest of days! On Easter Sunday morning, two women who were his friends went to the tomb, but it was empty. An angel was there who told them that Jesus was alive! Amazing!

After that, Jesus spent time with his friends until it was time for him to go back to heaven to be with God. All of this happened because God loves us so much that he wants us all to have everlasting life with him. And that's the awesome message of Easter:

Use the first letter of each picture to decode the Bible verse below!

example: = C for carrot



A large grid puzzle where each cell contains a small illustration. The letters of the verse "He rode on a donkey" are hidden within the images. A blue arrow points to the word "donkey" in the grid.

(Romans chapter six, verse four<sup>th</sup>).

## JESUS LOVES YOU! & wants to be your friend!

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**ANSWERS** CK: page 16.  
Sams Mega Puzzle: Just as Jesus was raised from death by the wonderful power of God our father, so we can now live a new life. **Grid:** a:b1, b:a6, c:b3, d:d6, e:e2, f:f4. **Word Square:** Jern- salem. **Pages:** 1-5, 2-9, 3-6, 4-7, 5-3, 6-10. **Colour code:**

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THIS WEEK IN...

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Design your own Easter bonnet. (Look at the Kidzone gang's creations on pages 4 and 5 for inspiration.)



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How many words can you make from  
**EASTER SUNDAY?**

Write down all the Bible verses in this week's mag.

# word square

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the square?

M	L	U
A	E	E
J	R	S

Each letter may be used only once per word and each word must contain the middle letter. There is one nine-letter word.  
Clue: The last supper happened in \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you find where each of these pictures came from in this week's Kidzone?



# grid it

Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



Note: some squares may be rotated.



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Colour in the grid by matching the number with the colour code to discover a wonderful Easter message.  
Read more in Matthew 28:5-6

- 1 - Purple
- 2 - Red
- 3 - Blue
- 4 - Orange
- 5 - White
- 6 - Black

# colour code