



Consequence: Professor Hoofengrover's Shout-o-meter

Hoofengrover enters with Basil, his assistant.

Hoofengrover: Basil, I have been doing some research. As we lead up to Easter, I have been reading the account of Donkey Day and found that several new terms are in the account!

Basil: Professor? What terms have you found?

Hoofengrover: Well, these are terms that I believe will be important for my doctorate in linguistics. Look at them, here. Jesus rides in on a donkey and everyone says: "Ho-san-na" and "Ble-ssed".

Basil: Oh, Professor, they are easy terms to explain. They are terms of celebration. They are happy words to shout.

Hoofengrover: Happy words?

Basil: Yes, you know, when you are really excited, you think of words to shout...

Hoofengrover: Like, "C'mon Aussie?"

Basil: Not quite.

Hoofengrover: "Go you big red fire engine?"

Basil: No, more like, "Hooray".

Hoofengrover: Ohh. Maybe we should do some research. Can we ask our friends here what they say when they are excited? *(Ask the kids and adults. Suggest "You ripper" "Yay" "Woohoo" etc.)* Right, well, that's great. Well, I thought we could test our excited-shouting words on this invention I have here called the "Shout-o-meter".

Basil: Ahh, yes. You want to measure the congregation, professor?

Hoofengrover: Precisely. Everybody pick the word that you are comfortable with, and we will shout them about Jesus, and we'll see how high we can go. Now when I say "When I think of Jesus, I say..." then you shout the words. Are we ready? *(Have a few goes, pointing the microphone at the congregation, with the shout-o-meter getting higher each time until the machine breaks).*

Basil: Hoofengrover, your machine is broken! What a tragedy!

Hoofengrover: On the contrary, Basil. The research was a stunning success. We praised Jesus to the limit of our ability! How exciting!!! Wunderbar, wonderful! *(Exit, overly excited).*