

Palm/Passion Sunday



The Children's Illustrated Bible
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It's a Parade!

Share the story of Palm Sunday from *The Children's Illustrated Bible* and from Mark 11:1-10. Discuss with children why this is both a happy and sad story. It was happy because many people had learned that Jesus was the savior, healer, and teacher. Those people celebrated his coming into Jerusalem. They laid their cloaks and palm leaves at his feet. They shouted hosannas and praise. But it was also sad, because Jesus knew he was coming to Jerusalem to die. He tried to explain this to his disciples, but they didn't understand.

This story also shows Jesus as different from kings and leaders who would enter a city amid great pageantry in a parade. He humbled himself to ride on a donkey. Read what the prophet Zechariah said about this special king in Zechariah 9:9. In the Doctrine and Covenants 34:1b is another testimony of why Jesus came.

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—Mark 11:1–10 adapted



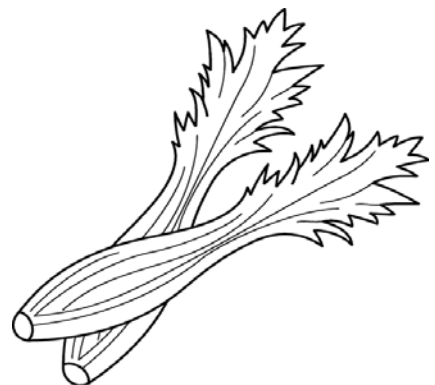
Hosanna!

Hosanna was a Hebrew word that meant "Save now!" The Hebrews shouted the word to praise somebody important. Certainly Jesus did save now! The people in Jerusalem yelled it at Jesus as he entered their town.

Have kids form their bodies into letters to spell "hosanna." They may even create a song from something like the "YMCA," song by the Village People—singing and spelling "hosanna"!

Palm Snacks

Create Palm Sunday snacks with long, leafy celery. Spread peanut butter, cheese spread, cream cheese, or whatever the kids like along the stalk. Place small chocolate candies, gumdrops, nuts, seeds, raisins, or jelly beans atop the spread to depict the people walking along the palm path with Jesus.





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Unscramble the words from the scripture below.

1. **LTCO** _____

2. **LAGELVI** _____

3. **KALOCS** _____

4. **RCESHBAN** _____

5. **SANOHNA** _____