

Talk About It:

- Share about a time you've been to a parade or seen one on television.
 - Who is a famous person you would like to meet? How would you feel if they showed up in your neighborhood?
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Read About It:

Read this story from Matthew 21:1-11 (from the International Children's Bible):

Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two of his followers into the town. He said to them, "Go to the town. When you enter it, you will find a donkey tied there with its colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, tell him, 'The Master needs them. He will send them back soon.'" This was to make clear the full meaning of what the prophet said: "Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Your king is coming to you. He is gentle and riding on a donkey. He is on the colt of a donkey.'"

The followers went and did what Jesus told them to do. They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus. They laid their coats on the colt, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their coats on the road before Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. All the people were shouting,

"Hosanna! Praise to the Son of David! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise to God in heaven!"

Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. The city was filled with excitement. The people asked, "Who is this man?"

The crowd answered, "This man is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee."

- Why do you think Jesus' friends put their coats on the donkey for Jesus?
 - The people shouted "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "Save us!" Jesus would save them, but not in the way they expected. How did Jesus come to save us?
 - Today is called Palm Sunday because we remember how Jesus was praised as a king as the people waved palm branches. What are some ways you can praise Jesus today?
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Sing About It:

Hosanna is a word of praise to Jesus. Sing this song of praise together:

[Hosanna Rock \[with moves\]](#) (by Yancy)

Think About It:

- If you were in the crowd when Jesus came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey, how would you have shown your joy to see Jesus?
 - Soldiers who had conquered enemies would ride on a horse to celebrate their victory but riding on a donkey would have been a sign of peace. Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey instead of a horse?
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Make It:

Make a palm branch to wave in praise of Jesus.

Supplies: Palm branch template (next page), green construction paper, scissors (green pipe cleaner and tape, optional)

Follow the instructions on the next page to cut out a paper palm branch.

Use your palm branch to praise Jesus today. You can wave your branch while singing “Hosanna Rock” or other songs of praise.

Do It:

Today we begin a journey to Easter Sunday. Read about the things that happened between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday:

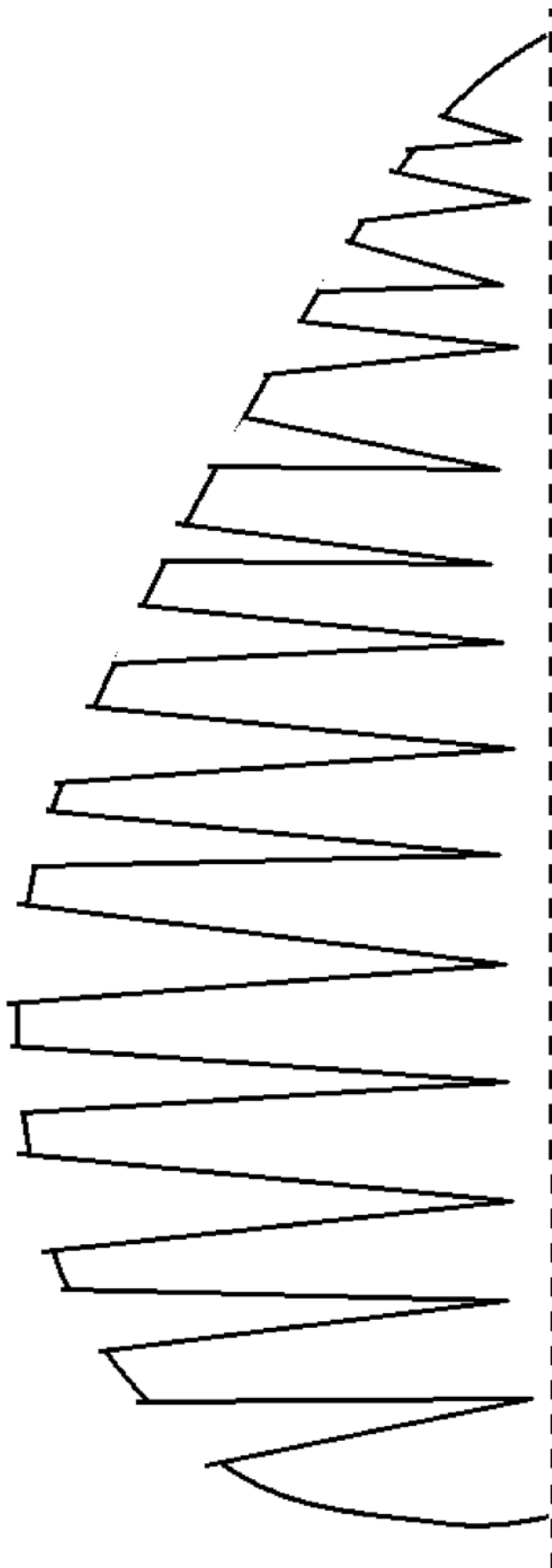
- Jesus’ last supper: Mark 14:17-26
 - Jesus is arrested: Mark 14:43-46
 - Jesus faces Pilate: Mark 15:1-15
 - Jesus is crucified: Mark 15:21-39
 - Jesus is buried: Mark 15:42-47
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Pray About It:

Thank you, Jesus, for coming to save us from our sins. Help us to honor you with our hearts and our actions today. Amen.

Memorize It:

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! John 12:13



Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.

