

FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK



Palm Sunday - Year A

5 April 2020

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

Something to Think About

Can you remember the last time you were really excited to see someone special? Maybe you had a celebration to welcome that person. Imagine what it would have been like to see Jesus riding into town!

The Story

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem portrays Jesus as a king. But Jesus doesn't ride through town in a fine chariot or on a strong horse. Instead, Jesus rides on a small donkey. This showed that he was coming in gentleness, humility and peace. The people lined up to welcome Jesus. They threw their cloaks on the ground to make a special carpet and waved branches as a sign of celebration. The people were shouting 'Hosanna!' which means 'Save us!' The people thought Jesus would be an earthly king and save them from their political enemies. By the end of that week, however, Jesus was hanging on a cross. He was saving the people from something much bigger.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:7-11

They brought the donkey and its colt and laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees. Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, “Hosanna for the Son of David! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna for God in the highest heavens!” When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked, “Who can this be?” The crowd answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Family Discussion

Can you imagine the sights and sounds as the crowd waved palms and shouted 'Hosanna!' as Jesus rode by?

How might you praise Jesus for the wonderful things that he has done for you?

Video

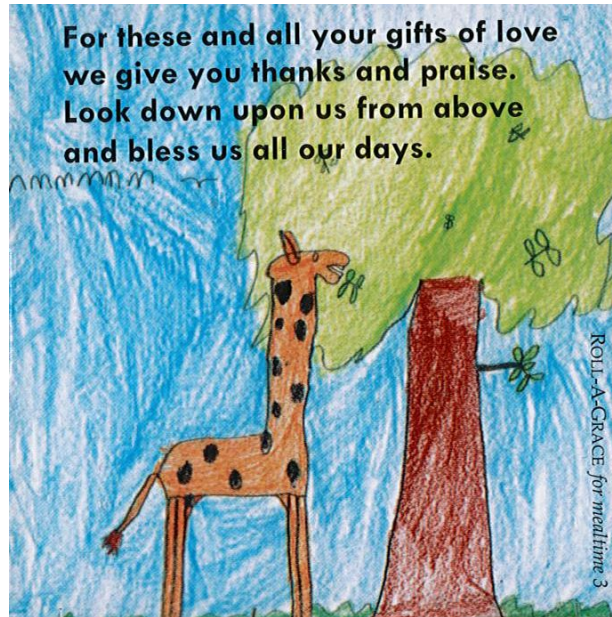
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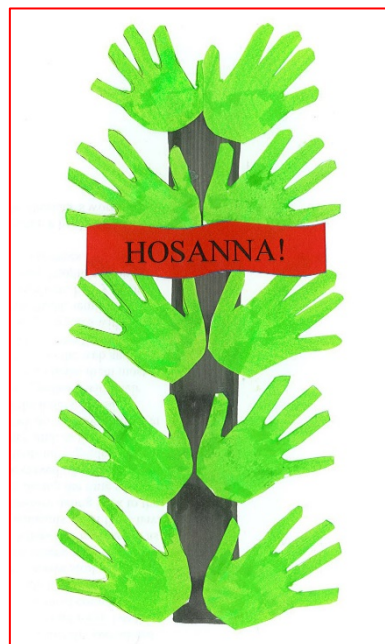
THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Mealtime Prayer



Family Activity

Take some cardboard or paper and trace the hands of each person in your family. Cut out each of the traced hands and stick them onto a long strip of paper so that the hands look like a big palm branch. You might like to add the word HOSANNA to remind you to praise Jesus this week!



TELL THE STORY OF PALM SUNDAY

WRITE THE STORY UNDER EACH PICTURE

1. Jesus said: 'Go to the village and find a donkey for me.'
2. The disciples put a cloth on its back, and Jesus got on.
3. People cut branches from the palm trees to wave for Jesus.
4. They cried out, 'Hooray! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'
5. In Jerusalem, everyone was excited and said, 'Who can this be?' The people said, 'This is Jesus!'

