

Palm Sunday – Bible Story

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Narrator: Jesus and the disciples were traveling to Jerusalem for the Passover. When they came to Bethany, they stopped and Jesus sent two of his disciples on an errand.

Jesus: Go into the village. As soon as you enter, you will find a colt tied up. Untie it and bring it back to me. If people ask what you're doing, tell them the master needs it now, and he will return it.

Narrator: The two disciples went into the city and found the colt tied to a gate. They untied it to take it with them. Some people standing around asked what they were doing.

Disciple: Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.

Narrator: The people accepted their answer, so they brought the colt to Jesus. The disciples put some clothes on the back of the colt for Jesus to sit on, and they made their way to Jerusalem.

Along the way, many people spread out their clothes on the road for the colt to walk on. Others cut palm branches and waved them to honor Jesus. The people all around Jesus were shouting.

Crowd: Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!

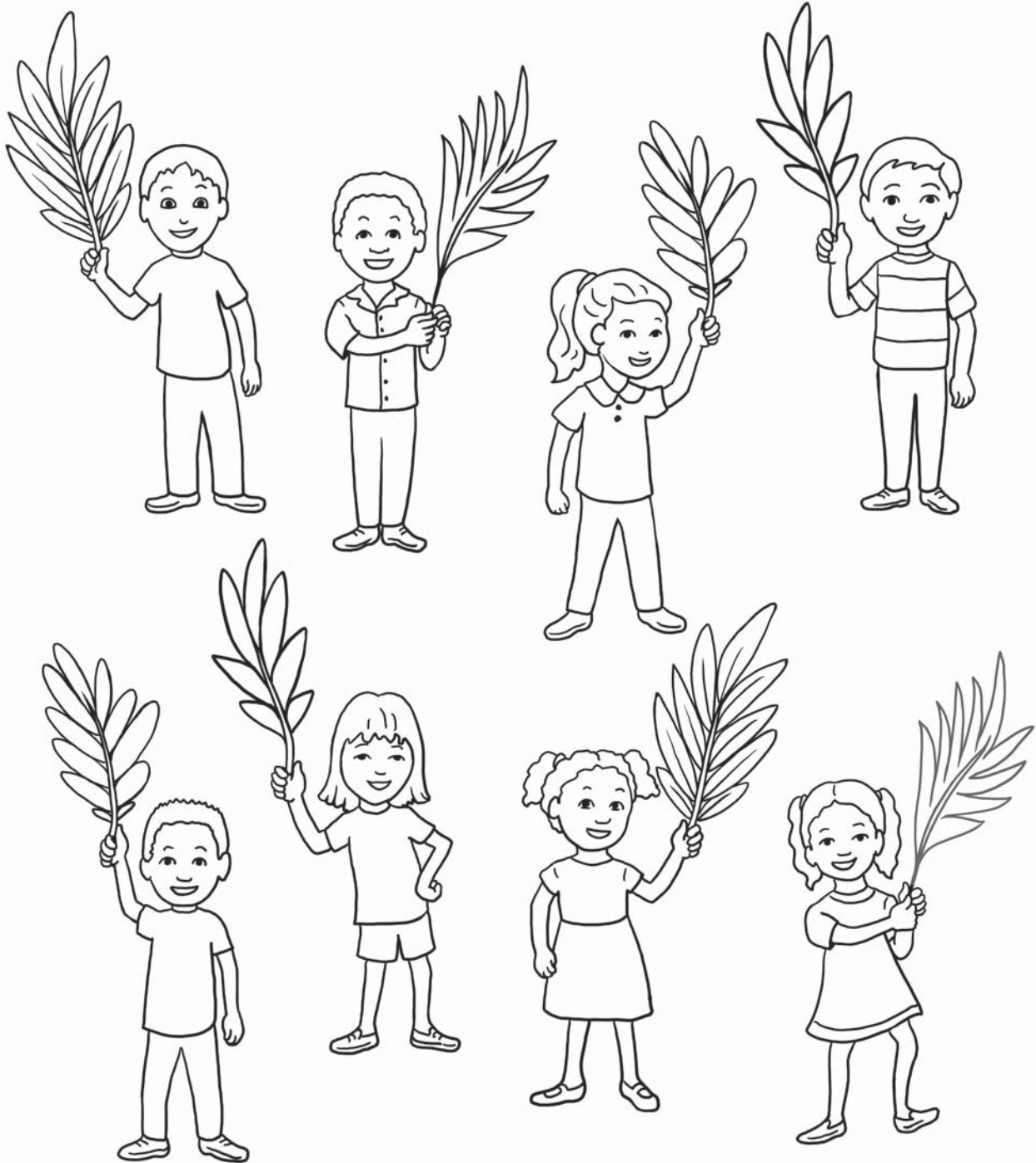
Narrator: Jesus rode into Jerusalem like a king, and the people praised him. The crowd thought Jesus was going to be their king right then, but this royal entrance was the beginning of a week that took Jesus down a very different path.

(Based on Mark 11:1-11)



6b Match the Palm Leaves – Puzzle (Preschool)

The children waved palm branches to honor Jesus. Look for the matching palm branches and draw lines between them.



Connect the Phrases – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

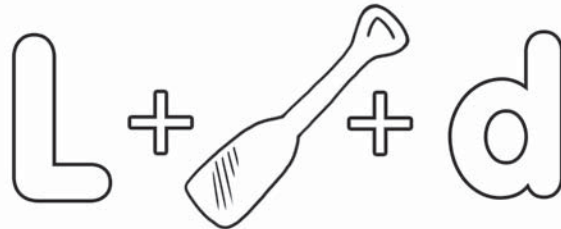
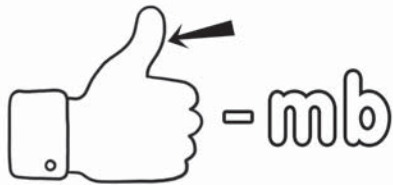
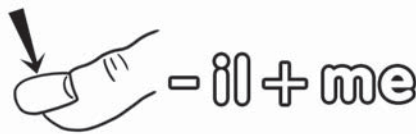
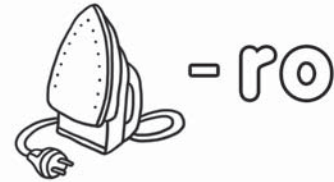
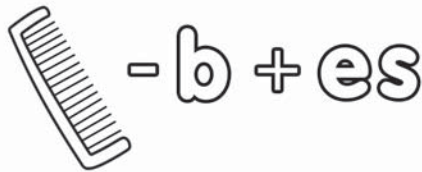
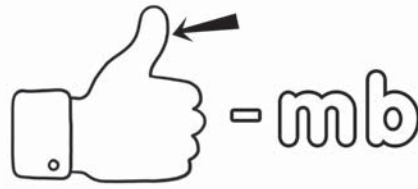
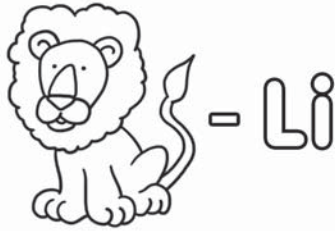
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Cut the pieces apart and put them together in the correct order. What did the people shout when they saw Jesus?



6d Rebus - Puzzle (Older Elementary)

Solve the words in the rebus, and you will discover what the crowd shouted at Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem.



Resurrection Rolls – Snack (To be used in Session 7)

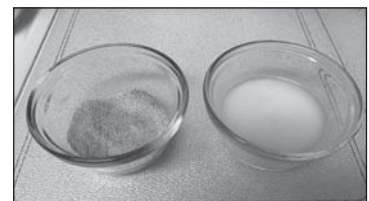
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Ingredients

- can refrigerated crescent dough
- sugar
- cinnamon
- butter
- large marshmallows

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°F. *Read John 19 while the oven is heating.*
- Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.
- Unroll crescent dough and separate each triangle. *This is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.*
- Have children dip marshmallow in melted butter. Roll in cinnamon and sugar mixture. *The marshmallow represents Jesus. The butter, cinnamon, and sugar are like the oil and spices used to prepare a body for burial.*
- Place marshmallow in the top of the crescent roll and roll into a crescent roll shape, then secure the sides by tucking them under and pinching them closed. *This is a picture of how they wrapped Jesus' body when they put him in the tomb.*
- Place on prepared cookie sheet.
- Bake in preheated oven for 8–10 minutes or until golden brown on the outside. *The oven is like the tomb. Read John 20:1-18 while the rolls are baking.*
- Open the tomb (the oven) and remove the rolls. Cool. If the marshmallows have seeped out, remove the sugary bits.
- Let cool for a few minutes and then let the children pick a roll to open up. *What happened to the marshmallow? The marshmallow has disappeared, just like Jesus did when he was resurrected.!*
- Enjoy!



6f Loving God/Loving Neighbor – Faith Family Devotional

Palm Sunday

John 4:1-42

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday. It's a day we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a colt. The crowd placed clothes on the ground for the colt to walk on, and they waved palm branches in honor of Jesus. They shouted, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The crowd gave Jesus a royal welcome. They treated him like a king because they thought he had come to be their new king. They hoped he would free them from Roman rule. But everything changed. The people didn't understand yet what kind of king Jesus was.

Verse of the Month

"Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9

What Do You Think?

How would you honor a king or a president if they came to your home today?

What words would you have shouted at Jesus if you had been in the crowd that day?

Family Activity

Talk about the events of Holy Week and what they mean to your family.

How will you honor Jesus this week as a family? Who will you share the story with? Holy Week was a sad time for Jesus and his disciples, but remember—Easter is just a few days away. Invite someone you know who doesn't have a church home to celebrate Easter with you.

Prayer

Dear God, we honor you as our king. Thank you for the love Jesus showed for all us during Holy Week; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.