

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

HIGHLIGHTS:

This week your child learned that Jesus entered the city with great fanfare because He was the Savior that God had promised. Jesus sent two disciples into the village to find a donkey. They were to untie it and bring it to Him. If anyone questioned them, they were to say that the Lord needed them (the donkey and her colt). They brought them to Him and placed their cloaks on the colt so Jesus could ride the colt into town. Large crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road before Him. And the people shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"

(Matthew 21: 1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 28-44, John 12:12-19)

LEADING A PARADE:

When Jesus came into Jerusalem it was like He was leading a parade. Line up stuff animals or dolls in row like they are watching the parade. Take turns with your child pretending to be Jesus in the parade or in the crowd watching Jesus. Use a broom stick for the donkey for Jesus to ride upon and wave the palm branch your child made earlier and shout Hosanna as Jesus rides by.

After you have acted out the story, talk with your child about it using these questions:

1. What is the name of the city Jesus went to?
2. How did the people feel when they saw Jesus?
3. Why did the people put their coats on the ground and wave palm branches?
4. What did the people shout when they saw Jesus?
5. What does Hosanna mean?

PALM LEAF:

Make a green palm leaf. Either dip your child's hand in green paint and make several handprints in the shape of a palm leaf or trace your child's hand on green paper. Cut out the handprints and let your child glue the handprints on white construction paper in the shape of a palm leaf. Cut away the excess white paper so the paper is in the shape of a palm branch.

SALAD FOR DINNER:

Let your child help you make the salad for dinner tonight. Have your child help you place all the 'fix-ins' for the salad in a zip-lock bag including the dressing and close it tight. Have your child wave the bag of salad up and down just as people waved palm branches as Jesus rode into Jerusalem.