Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Jesus and the disciples were coming to Jerusalem because it was almost time for Jesus to die on the cross. Before they reached Jerusalem, they came to a village. Jesus told two of His disciples to go to the village and get a young donkey. Jesus told them that if anyone asked them what they were doing, they should say, "The Lord needs to use this donkey."

The disciples left. They found the young donkey. The people who owned the donkey asked them what they were doing. The disciples said, "The Lord needs to use this donkey." The owners were happy to let Jesus use the donkey!

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on the donkey's back, and then Jesus sat on it. Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Many, many people came out to greet Him. Some people put their coats on the road for Jesus to ride on. Others put soft, leafy palm branches on the road. They were treating Jesus like a king!

The people also sang praises to Jesus. They sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!"

There were some people in the crowd, however, who hated Jesus. They said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!"

Jesus said, "If they would be quiet, the stones would call out to say that I am the Savior!"

The people praised Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem.

Jesus is our Savior, and we will praise and worship Him.

Song - "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children; God is love, God is love. Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children; God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, All you little children; God is love, God is love. Love Him, love Him, All you little children; God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children. God is love, God is love. Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children. God is love, God is love.

Passage

Matthew 21:9 "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for being our King. Thank You for taking away our sins. Amen.





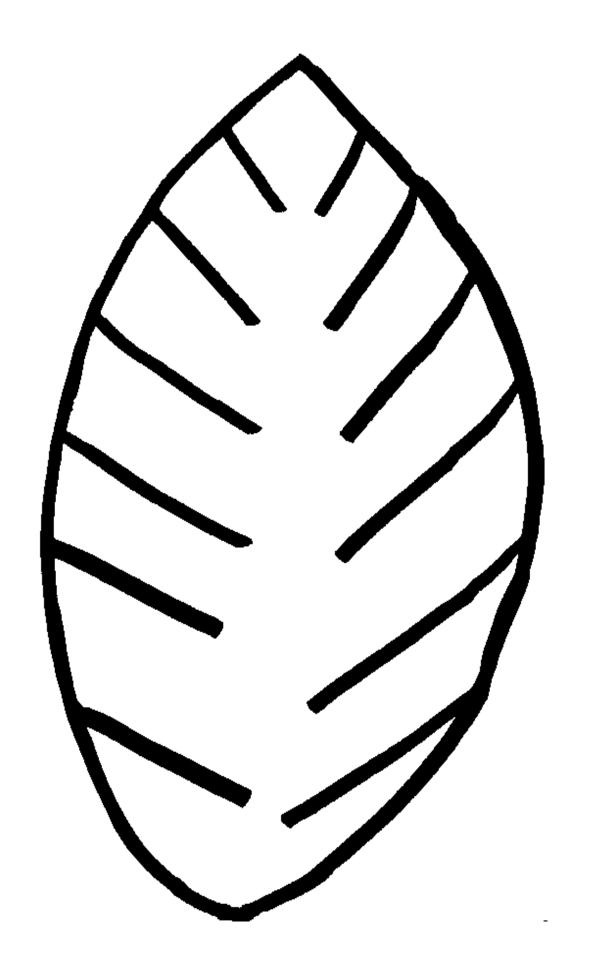
Classroom Activity - Read the class the sentences and have them color the donkey by each true sentence.

Classroom Activity - Color the palm leaf on page 4 green. Cut out the leaf. Lay the leaf on the floor and act out what the people said when Jesus was entering Jerusalem. You can say:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!

or

Hosanna! Hosanna! All the people sing. Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ the Lord is King.



Classroom Art Activity - Color the picture below. Have the children glue pieces of cloth on the ground by the palm branches to show the coats that were laid at Jesus' feet. You may also want to add more palm branches made out of construction paper.

