

Palm Sunday

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



The Story

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 donkey colt. 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 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!"

Jesus rode into Jerusalem in a humble way on a donkey.

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 - Memorize this passage.

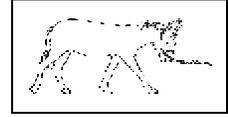
Matthew 21:9 "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

Activity One - Color the donkey by each true sentence.

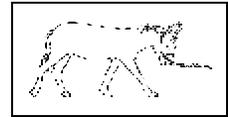
1. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a a donkey.



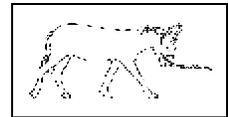
2. People threw sticks at Jesus.....



3. People sang "Hosanna" to Jesus.....



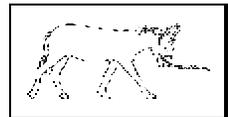
4. Jesus doesn't want us to sing to Him.....



5. Jesus saved us from our sins.....



6. We worship Jesus because He is God.....

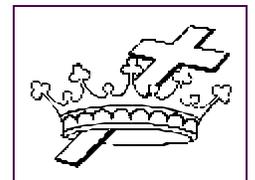


Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being our King.

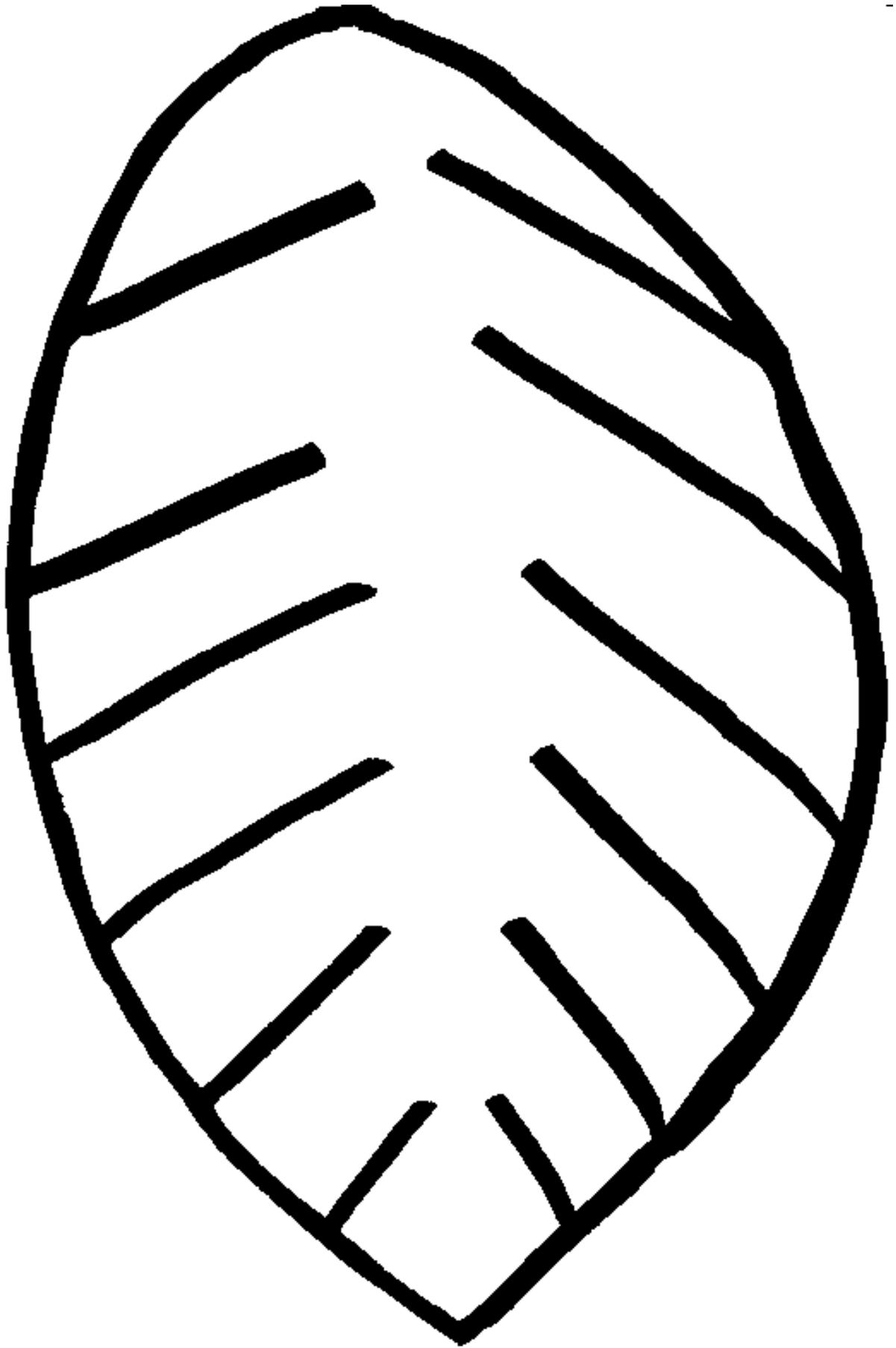
Thank you for taking away our sins. Amen.



Activity Two - 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! Hosanna! All the people sing.

Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ the Lord is King.



Activity Three - Color green all the areas that have a dot in them. It will make a palm leaf.

