

Holy week - Palm Sunday

Do you have a hero? Someone famous that you would love to meet? Maybe a famous footballer or singer or author - I wonder how you would feel when you met them, how would you celebrate?



In today's story we hear about what happened when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, something really quite surprising

Watch our video <https://youtu.be/wxqQdvWqhSO> or this animated version of the story <https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE> (for older children)

Read the story from a Bible storybook or from the Bible in Luke 19: 28-40

I wonder which part of the story surprised you most?

I wonder what you would have said or done if you had been there?

The people praised Jesus because they loved him, he was their hero. They shouted 'Hosanna' because they were filled with joy. I wonder what makes you feel joyful?

I wonder what God might be saying to you through this story?

Praise God together - the crowds in Jerusalem shouted and cheered and praised Jesus, and we can do the same too! Why not spend some time praising God together, choose your favourite worship songs or you could sing this song and try to join in with all the actions? It's called 'I'm going to jump up and down' <https://youtu.be/mdRneMPatco>

Pray together - you may like to light a candle and then pray together using these words or your own!

Dear God, as we get ready for Easter please help us draw close to you and learn more about you. Thank you for all the things that make us feel joyful.

Please help us to be like the people shouting Hosanna and to remember how much you love us. Thank you that you are with us whether we feel joyful or are feeling sad or worried. Amen

Make a Palm Sunday Spinner: either print out the Palm Sunday Spinner page below or copy the rectangle with the palm leaf and Hosanna onto a piece of paper. Cut out and follow the instructions - you will need a drinking straw and some sticky tape. Once you have made the spinner twizzle the straw between your hands and see what happens!



Make a donkey: draw and cut out a donkey body shape, use some thread or wool for a tail! And stand it up on two clothes pegs for legs. Add some eyes and why not write this verse on the donkey (or your own words)

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9

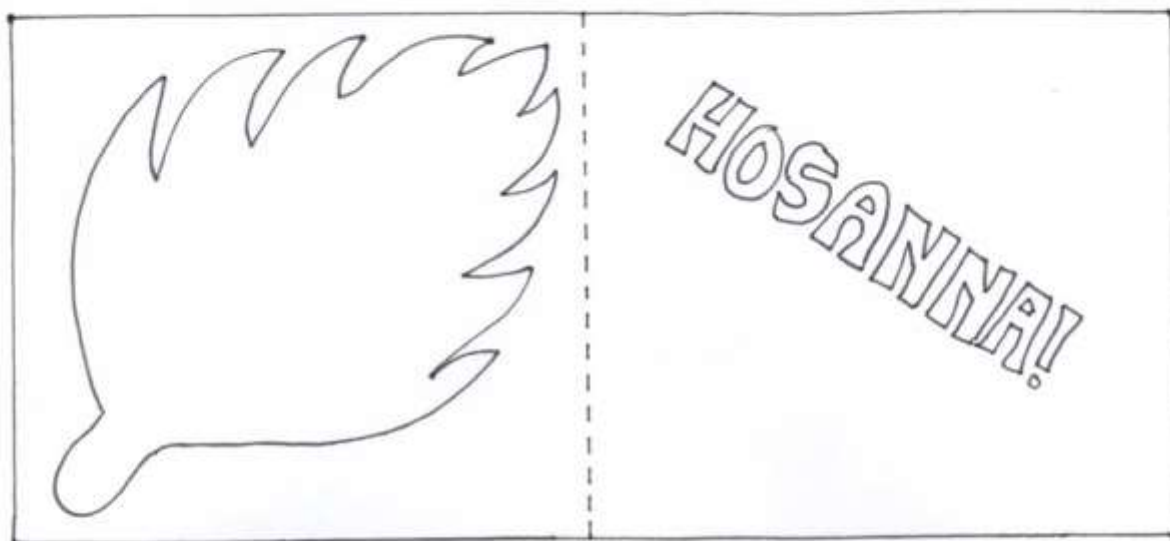


Have fun with a Hosanna treasure hunt. Write the word Hosanna on lots of leaf shaped pieces of paper - big or small - and hide the messages around the house or garden in different places. When they're all hidden send everyone off to hunt for them. You could take it in turns to hide them, or set a time limit for finding them or see who can find them the quickest!

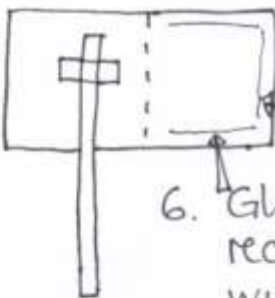
Praise God through 'art'. We can worship God in so many ways and one of them is by being creative. You might like to draw or paint a picture as you think about Jesus and how special he is to you or you could choose a colouring picture from below and if you are able, print it off. As you colour it in think about the story, what did you find interesting or amazing?

Or why not collect leaves, sticks and stones and make a garden collage, praising God for his wonderful creation as you make it?


Palm Sunday Spinner



1. Cut out the rectangle above
2. Colour in the palm leaf and the 'hosanna'
3. fold along the dotted line
4. Open the rectangle up again and place picture side down

5.  Stick a straw on the back like so.

6. Glue along the edges of the rectangle and stick together with the straw inside.

7.  Twizzle straw between your hands and watch what happens!

