

Weekend of April 9 and 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY

Introduction

The Jews were waiting for a king to lead them against the Romans and make them free again. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was welcomed as this king, but he came as a king of peace and not to bring war.

Please read the gospel with your family

Gospel of St. Matthew 21: 1-11

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples to the next village to collect a donkey and her foal. "If anyone stops you, tell them that they are for me," Jesus said. They brought the animals to Jesus and put cloaks on their backs so that Jesus could ride on them. When the people heard that Jesus was coming, they laid their cloaks on the road before him and pulled branches off the palm trees to wave in the air. The crowds grew more and more excited and shouted at the top of their voices. "Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is the one sent by the Lord." Excitement filled the whole city and some people asked, "Who is this man?" The people answered them, "It is Jesus from Nazareth, in Galilee." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Questions for Discussion

When a king or someone very important visits somewhere, what is often rolled out to welcome them?

What did many people expect this king to do?

Why was Jesus not the kind of king many of the Jews expected?

What was the word the people kept repeating which we still use today?

What was the mood of the crowd that day?

Did everyone give Jesus a warm welcome?

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CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Luke 22:14-23:56



GOSPEL

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be my king.



DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus as king in your house.

PUZZLE

Jesus is the King, so here is a maze inside of his crown.



MISSION

Make Jesus king of your life. Ask him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make him happy.

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GOSPEL

One day the people were happy, praising Jesus and waving palm leaves to keep him cool. The next day they were spitting on him. They said, "Crucify him. Crucify him." It hurts when your best friend says he or she likes you one day, and hates you the next day. Jesus will never leave your side. He is a true friend. He will always talk and play with you because he loves you.

PRAYER

I want to be a good friend of yours every day, Lord.

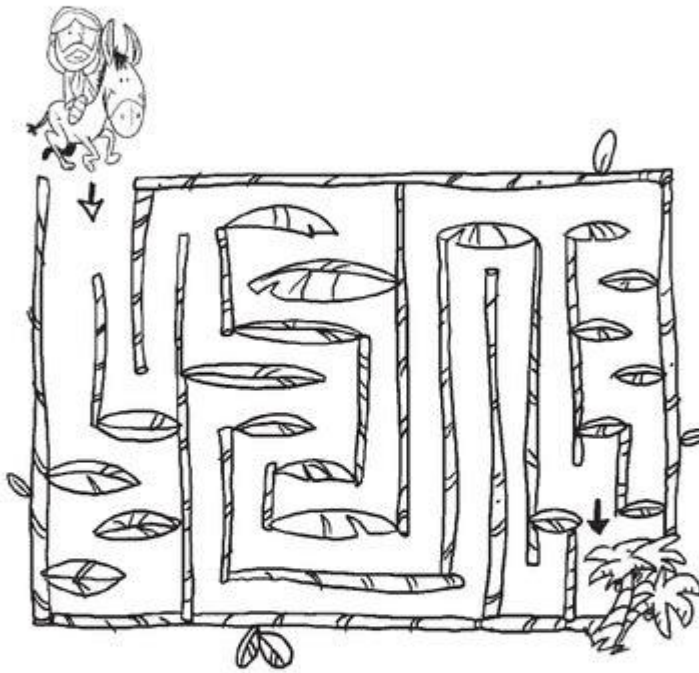


DRAW

Draw people waving palm leaves at Jesus as he rides on a donkey.

PUZZLE

Complete the maze.



MISSION

I will say good words about my family and friends each day.

Intercessions for you to pray together as a family

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to God:

We pray that the church and all her people will welcome Jesus into their daily lives,

All: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray that refugees from hunger and war will be warmly welcomed by other countries and nations,

All: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray that all who have died will be welcomed into the kingdom

All: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray that our homes, schools and parishes will be places where others are always made to feel welcome,

All: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for our country; may it find the Holy Spirit in decision making as the war continues,

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Knowing that our God is listening in the silence of our hearts let us share our own prayers with God,

All: Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God,

Warm our hearts with your love so that you always find a welcome in our lives.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen