

March 29th, 2026

## Theme

Palm Sunday.

## Object

Flags, confetti, noise makers, etc.

## Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Children's Sermon: The King Is Coming (Matthew 21:1-11)

Hand each child a flag or noise maker to use when you give them the cue in the lesson.

I want you to imagine this morning that we are going to have a visit from the president. I have some flags for some of you to wave and I have some noise makers. I will describe the parade, and as the president passes by, I want you to wave, blow your horns, and shout. Are you ready? The parade is about to begin. Get all the materials for this sermon (free today)

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Look! The parade is approaching. I can see it in the distance. The band is leading the parade and behind the band there are cars with other important people like our representatives, our senator, and the mayor of our city. As they pass by, we smile and wave. (Pause for kids to respond.)

Then, here he comes -- the president. He is riding down the street in a big black convertible. He waves to the crowds that are lining the streets as he passes by. The people are...

waving flags (Pause for kids to respond.)

blowing their noise makers and shouting, "Yea! Hip! Hip! Hooray! Yea!" (Pause for kids to respond.)

Then as the parade moves on down the street, the sound of the band playing and people shouting fades away in the distance. It is over. The celebration is over.

That was very much like a scene that took place in Jerusalem one day. King Jesus was coming to their city. People lined the streets. Some people walked in front of the king and some walked behind him. Instead of a big, black convertible, the King rode on the back of a small donkey. Let's do what the people did when King Jesus came to town.

As he rode through the streets of the city, the crowds...

waved palm branches (Pause for kids to respond with their flags.)

they shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Pause for kids to respond.)

they shouted, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Pause for kids to respond.)

they shouted, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Pause for kids to respond.)

Today is Palm Sunday. Today we celebrate the entry of King Jesus into Jerusalem. It was a day that marked the beginning of an incredible week. A week that would see Jesus cheered, then arrested, tried, condemned, and crucified. But as that week came to an end, another week began just as the previous week had begun...with a celebration.

Dear Jesus, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Instructions

Have children follow these steps to make their Palm Art.

- Trace your hand as many times as you can on three pieces of construction paper.
- Carefully cut out your palm tracings.
- Glue the palms along the ruler.
- Overlap the palm prints to make it look like a palm branch.

SAY: When the people came to welcome Jesus, they laid their coats down along the path and waved palm branches to honor Him. Today you made palm branches out of your own palms. As you take this craft home, talk to your family about how you will honor Jesus this week.





## THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY Matthew 21:1-11

Unscramble each word, then arrange the circled letters to form a word that will complete the statement that Jesus made about himself.



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The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted "\_\_\_\_\_ to the Son of David!" Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

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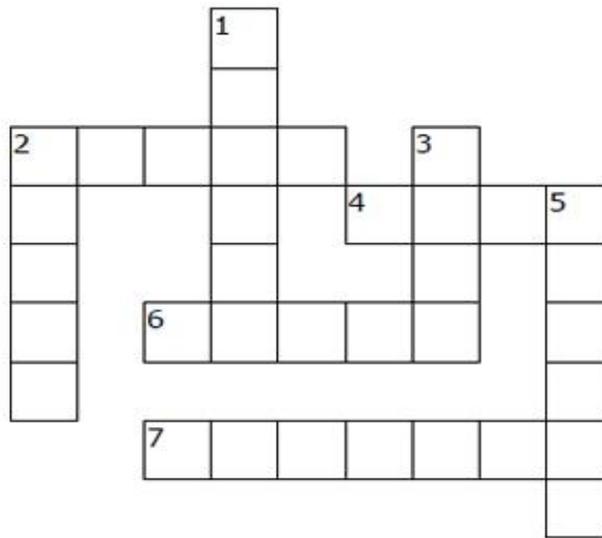
HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

1. A small animal similar to a horse that has long ears. Matthew 21:2(NIV)
2. A young male horse (or donkey). Matthew 21:2 (NIV)
3. To call out in a loud voice. Matthew 21:9 (NIV)
4. The opposite of behind. Matthew 21:9 (NIV)
5. A male ruler of a country. Matthew 21:5 (NIV)

# The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



## ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

## DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

BRANCH	COLT	ROAD	CLOAK
SHOUT	VILLAGE	DONKEY	CROWD

