

Celebrating Palm Sunday with Little Ones



Palm Sunday is an opportunity to really feel the joy of Jesus in our hearts and to praise Our Lord in song and with cheer. A time to really get excited about Jesus!

- Before you begin the celebration, complete the very quick and simple **palm branch craft**. Make one for each adult too! All joining in together will make this feel like a very special and joyous occasion. 😊
- You will also need on hand the Gospel reading of **Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem** (found in any children's Bible.) - I've also attached a copy of the one found in the Children's Liturgy Book
- If the weather is good, go outside with your palm branches. You could either use your garden or go on a little walk near your house
- Read the story to the children, getting them to join in with things like facial expression (ie excited faces from the crowds / smiling face of Jesus)
- Sing **Give Me Joy in My Heart** and particularly the chorus where we use the words 'Sing Hosanna!' (tell the children that this is a very special word of Praise) (You tube has some nice versions to play along with)
- While singing, dance/walk/skip around the garden waving your palms with gusto, with cheer in your voices and with smiles on your faces. Pretend that you are one of the crowd and that you are so pleased and excited to see Jesus riding on the donkey! If you have a cuddly toy donkey, bring it with you!
- To finish, each child can say something they feel **thankful** for, that gives them joy. i.e. the sun shining/grass in their garden/ a loved one/food to eat/Jesus! etc.

After each child's thanks, all say together as a family **"We praise you Lord Jesus! King of Kings!"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21RHemxzb8U> - link to some background music for singing!

Final Tip: Today, whenever you eat a meal together, sing the chorus of 'Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings' as part of your Grace Before Meals Prayer to remember Palm Sunday is a very special day