



## Church @ Home

These resources are to help you worship together as a family when you can't go to church. They are designed for children aged 4-11. You can choose which activities you would like to do. Don't worry about getting everything 'right' – the important thing is that you have fun spending time with each other and with God.

# Jesus enters Jerusalem



## Get ready.....

- + Choose a place where you can all sit comfortably - on the floor, round a table or even in the garden!
- + Gather together all the things you will need.
- + If you have a **candle**, you might like to light it as you start your worship to show this is a special time set apart to be with God – you could take turns lighting the candle each week and choose a leader to say this prayer (and do the actions too if you want to!)

### A getting ready prayer

God, as we get ready to be with you  
Open our ears to listen to you  
*(touch your ears)*  
Open our minds to help us think about you  
*(put your hands on your head)*  
Open our eyes to see you in the world around us  
*(point to your eyes)*  
And open our hearts to love you more.  
*(cross your hands over your chest)*  
**Amen.**

## Tell the story...

Here are 3 ways you could do this:

- + Read Mark 11: 1-11 in a children's Bible
- + Read 'The Great Parade' in The Lion Storyteller Bible (p. 132) – you could add your own actions!
- + Watch the story from Crossroad Kids Club here  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmbTuutBgg>

## Talk about....

Choose a leader to read the questions and talk about your answers together.

What was your favourite part of the story?

What part of the story surprised you?

The people shouted Hosanna because they were filled with joy. What makes you feel joyful?

The people praised Jesus because they loved and admired him – he was their hero. Who are your heroes? What makes them special to you?

What do you think you might have shouted from the crowd?



## Praise together.....

Listen and dance to these Palm Sunday praise songs:

Clip Clop Beat (by Bob Hartmann and Sam Hargreaves)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyFZ93k\\_0AU&fbclid=IwAR0CtDsFYt0L67SrDPXDAeLvVawUMSic0YcZOWo6PKbTmhSbyF\\_dy3\\_zYs0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyFZ93k_0AU&fbclid=IwAR0CtDsFYt0L67SrDPXDAeLvVawUMSic0YcZOWo6PKbTmhSbyF_dy3_zYs0)

Hosanna Rock (by Yancy Ministries)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK7oIIeINZO>

See if you can learn the words and follow the actions together!

If you have any scarves you can wave or instruments you can play at home, you might like to use them to help you praise God.



## Play together.....

**You will need:** coats from around your house (make sure it's ok for them to be stepped on!)

Lay the coats on the floor to make a pathway like the people did for Jesus and take turns to see if you can cross the room from one side to the other walking only on the coats and not on the floor.

Can you get further than across the room? How far can you get moving round your house only walking on the coats?! You might have to walk back to the start of your pathway and pick up some coats to add to the end and make it longer! Or you could use other items of clothing from around your house if you run out of coats!

## Remember together.....

*'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'*

(Mark 11: 9)

Write the word 'Hosanna' on lots of different piece of paper – you could make them big or small depending on how tricky you want your challenge to be here!

Choose someone to hide the messages around your house in different places. When the messages are hidden, send everyone else off to hunt for them!

You could take turns to be the hider and to be the finder. You could set a time limit for the finders to make it even trickier, or put a stop watch on and see who can find them quickest!

## Make together.....

Make your own palm branches like the ones the people waved for Jesus. There are different ways you could do this. Choose which idea you like best or try more than one!



### Nature walk palms

Use your daily exercise time to go for a walk to a nearby park or around your local area (or explore your garden if you can't go out).

Collect leaves, twigs and other natural things you find on your walk (it doesn't matter if they're not all green!).

Cut a piece of paper or card into a leaf shape and glue the leaves you found on your walk to the leaf shape.

Attach one of your sticks or twigs to your leaf shape to make a natural palm like the ones the people waved for Jesus.

### Hand print palms

#### Step 1:

Draw around your hand on green paper (or a different colour if you don't have green – you could use white and colour it in).

OR

Using green paint, make green hand prints on paper or card.

#### Step 2:

Cut out your hand shapes to make your leaves. Attach your leaves to a 'stalk' – if you have a lolly stick, you could attach them to this with glue, or you could roll a piece of paper into a tube shape and staple your leaves to it.

OR

Stick your leaves onto a piece of card or paper in a branch pattern and draw a stalk down the middle.



You might like to write on some of your hand prints or at the bottom of your natural palm some of the things that make you feel joyful.

You might like to listen to one of the praise songs again and wave your palm branches to praise Jesus!

## Pray together.....

Put one hand out in front of you with your palm facing upwards. Look carefully at all the lines on your hands and trace them with your finger while a leader says these words:

God, we thank you for all the things that make us feel joyful. We praise you because you are with us when we feel joyful and when we don't. Help us to be like the people shouting 'Hosanna!' and remember that you are our hero and you love us.

Amen

Don't forget to  
**blow your  
candle out** to  
finish! See you  
next week!