



## Holy Week Activities for Children

### Day 1

### PALM SUNDAY

#### ACTIVITY 1

##### YOU'LL NEED:

- Green construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape or a stapler

Cut five palm leaves from green construction paper. Arrange them so they connect at the base and fan out at the tips. If you have a stick or yardstick, tape the base of the leaves to it. Have the kids parade around with the palm leaves in the air.

Read the scripture (Matthew 21:1-11)

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

After you read the scripture with the kids, discuss these questions:

- How do you think people felt when they heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem?
- What did they do to get ready?
- Do you think they brought a gift or offering? What would you have brought as a gift?

#### ACTIVITY 2

If your kids like to bake, you can bake palm leaf cookies, using your favorite sugar cookie recipe. The kids can use their hand prints as palm leaves. They can ice the cookies and sprinkle them with green sugar or sprinkles.