



PALM SUNDAY: JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

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SUPPLIES

- Bible
- [Crown handout](#)
- Green, brown, and purple crepe paper
- Tape

Today we learned that Jesus is the King. Let's think about what kings are like. What kinds of things do you think kings wear? What do you think a king's house is like? What things would a *good* king do? We also learned that Jesus isn't like other kings. He's actually King of the whole world! We'll hear what some people did for him when he went to their town. They did some special things for Jesus to show that he's the King. If you were a king, what would you want people to do for you?

INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the instructions written on the Crown handout.

Let's hear now what people did for Jesus, the King.

The Bible tells us what happened: Jesus was walking with his friends. They were going to a city called Jerusalem, which was a special place for God's people. Jesus told two of his friends to run ahead of the rest of the group and look for a donkey. Jesus said, "Untie the donkey and bring it back to me." Jesus told his friends to tell anyone who asked that the donkey was for him. So the two friends did what Jesus said. It seems a little strange that Jesus would tell his friends to just go take someone else's donkey. That might be like if a friend told you to go take someone's car and tell the person, "The Lord needs it!"

What do you think about Jesus' request of his friends? Jesus' friends did what he said. When they found the donkey, they untied it. But the donkey belonged to someone else. That person saw Jesus' friends and asked, "Why are you untying my donkey?" Jesus' friends told the person, "It's for Jesus!" Then they took it back to Jesus.

Jesus' friends put some of their clothes on the donkey's back to make a soft place for him to ride. Then Jesus rode the donkey into the city called Jerusalem. Remember, the people did some special things for Jesus to show that Jesus is the King. They had a parade for Jesus!

HAVE A PARADE

Let's have a parade right now. The Bible says that the crowds of people put their clothes and big leafy branches on the road to make a nice path for Jesus to walk on. Let's make a path for Jesus. Tear pieces of green, brown, and purple crepe paper and spread them on the floor to make a path all the way across the room. Now we have a nice path for Jesus. The Bible says the people crowded around Jesus, too. Let's line up on the sides of the path. Lead the children to line up along the sides of the path they made.

People cheered for Jesus! They said, "Hosanna!" That was a way to cheer for someone really special. And they waved the big leafy branches. It was like a parade where Jesus was the star because Jesus is the King!

CHEER PRAISES TO JESUS

Let's do a cheer now to let everyone know that Jesus is the King.

Hosanna, Jesus! *(wave green streamers)*

King Jesus! *(point up)*

We know this one thing! *(show one finger)*

You are the great King! *(put hands on hips and nod)*

Hosanna, Jesus! *(wave green streamers)*

King Jesus! *(point up)*

You are the best! *(push hands up toward ceiling)*

Better than the rest! *(put hands on hips and nod)*