



PALM SUNDAY: JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

ACTIVITY: POWER OF THE SCEPTER

SUPPLIES

- 2 White plastic disposable plates
- 2 Cotton swabs
- Clear liquid dish soap
- Cup of water
- Pepper
- Paper towels
- Large bowl

Today we heard how the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus as their king. Let's think more about what that means as we do something fun. When you hear that Jesus is King, that means Jesus is really powerful. Let's test to see who has power to get pepper to move without touching it with your hands.

INSTRUCTIONS

Often a king has a special stick to hold. It's called a *scepter*. A king holds a scepter to show he's in charge and he has the power to tell people what to do. Jesus doesn't need a scepter—he doesn't need anything to make him powerful. But we're not powerful like Jesus is, so we'll need to use these cotton swabs as tiny scepters to move the pepper.

Dip 1 of the cotton swabs in the dish soap so one end is well-coated. Don't let the other cotton swabs touch the cotton swab with the soap. Place the cotton swabs on a plastic plate, but make sure to keep track of which one has soap on it. Put a small amount of pepper in the second plate

Gently touch the surface of the water with the cotton swab, without stirring the water and try to move the pepper on the plate. Were you able to move the pepper?

Now try it again with the cotton swab that was dipped in soap. Dip it in water and try to move the pepper on the plate. What happened?

Only one scepter could move the pepper. It was the only powerful one. Like that, Jesus is the only real powerful King. He's not like other kings, so he doesn't need anything to help him be powerful. Jesus is the King of the whole world, and he's the most powerful person ever. He's powerful enough to give you everything you need. And he's powerful enough to take care of you always.