



PALM SUNDAY: JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY GAME: EVEN THE STONES

In our Bible story, the people waved palm branches and shouted out praises to Jesus as he rode by. When the Pharisees told Jesus to make them stop, Jesus told them that if the people were quiet, even the stones would burst out in cheers. Let's think more about that as we play a game.

INSTRUCTIONS

Have you and your family sit in a circle. Choose someone to be in the middle of the circle.

The person in the middle gets to call either "PRAISE" or "STONES." When you say "PRAISE," everyone waves their hands over their heads like they're waving palm branches. When they say "STONES," everyone will curl into a ball on the ground and cheer.

Start out slowly calling either "praise" or "stones." Then begin calling out the commands faster and faster until players can't keep up.

For an added challenge, add a third motion for "DONKEY." Players will use their hands to make donkey ears and gallop in place.

It was hard to keep up in this game. When is it hard for you to remember to praise Jesus? How does it make you feel to know that the stones would praise Jesus even if people wouldn't?

Sometimes we're moving so fast or are so focused on other things that we forget that Jesus is the King. The Bible reminds us that as King, Jesus deserves our praise. Even the stones would recognize that Jesus is the King.