

# Family Faith Talk

April 5, 2020

At Home Sunday School for Your Family

## Family Devotion:

Read aloud John 12:12-19.

**Say:** Hosanna! That's a word we don't use everyday. Hosanna means "save" or "salvation". When Jesus came into Jerusalem for the final time before he died, he rode on a donkey and crowds lined the streets, waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna!" These people had heard Jesus preach and do miracles. Is there anything this Jesus can't do? Now, they hail him as their king! It's interesting that Jesus rode on a donkey. Kings don't normally ride donkeys, they ride big, majestic horses. But Jesus isn't an ordinary king. He is the King of Kings - the ultimate King! Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and start a week-long celebration of Holy Week. Starting with today we follow Jesus as he makes his way to the cross to die for our sins, and we'll meet at the empty tomb with some great news!

## Today's Bible Story:

Get your family thinking deeper about the story with these discussion starters:

What do you think Jesus was thinking as he rode into Jerusalem?

Why do you think the crowd was so happy to see Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus rode a donkey instead of a horse?

How do you get excited to meet Jesus?

When has our family experienced God being our "hosanna" (saving you)?

What needs does our family have that we can pray about?

## Family Prayer:

Jesus, you are our Hosanna! You are our salvation. Thank you for being our King of Kings. Help us to be excited about you. Prepare us this week to remember your death and celebrate your resurrection. Amen.

## This Week's Memory Verse:

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!

John 12:13b

## Song Suggestions:

Search for these groups on YouTube to find great Sunday school and Scripture songs to sing as a family!

Sunday School Songs Concordia Publishing House (a large collection of songs/hymns by CPH)

Seeds Family Worship (Scripture verses)

Lifetree Kids

Cedarmont Kids (more familiar Sunday school songs)

## Crafts and Activities:

Search Google for "Palm Sunday" for printable coloring pages!

### Craft Ideas:

Print out the palm leaf on the next page for each family member. Color and decorate as you'd like and hang them in a window! You could also hold your own Palm Sunday parade outside your house, waving your palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!"

### Activity Ideas:

*Make palm-leaf cookies.* Cut frozen cookie dough into 2 X 1/2-inch strips. Place aluminum foil on a cookie sheet and spray it with nonstick cooking spray. Roll the cookie strips and shape them into an outline of a palm leaf on the foil. Close all edges in the outline. Crush green candies in a bag with a hammer, and sprinkle to fill in the cookie center. Bake at 375 degrees for about eight minutes. Contrast the sweetness of the cookies with the harshness of breaking the candies with a hammer. Tell your children that this was a sweet day for Jesus, but he knew that soon he would be broken -- or would die -- for our sins.

