

APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY

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Cardboard background
Sparkle stickers sheets
Tie

USE YOUR OWN:

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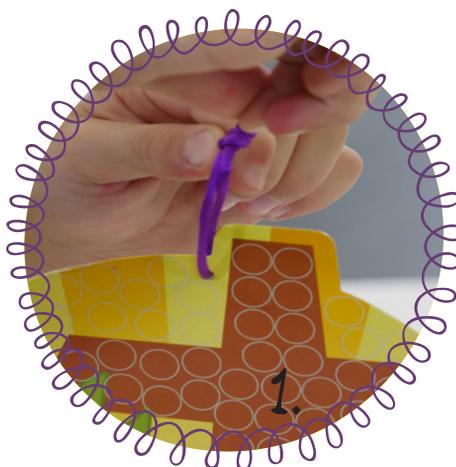
MATTHEW 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Discussion: How do the people respond to Jesus coming into Jerusalem, in this reading that usually takes place in the church commons, to the crowd cheers of "Crucify Him, crucify Him" that happen only days later and we'll hear in the passion narrative later in Mass? How often do we let our own hearts be changed by the voice of the crowd?

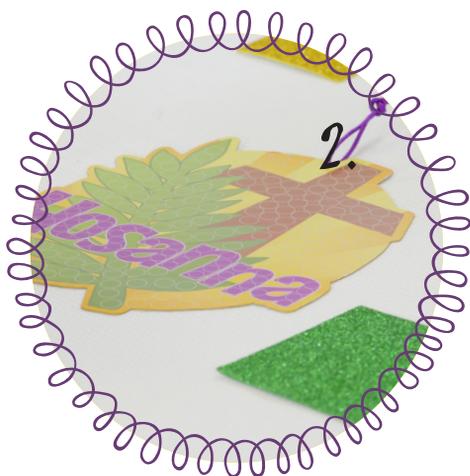
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1. Tie the purple hanger to the top of the cardboard template. You'll be able to hang the craft up in your home to remember that the praise of Palm Sunday came before the pain of the cross on Good Friday.

2. Use the glitter circles to add decorations to the craft. How did the people welcome Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?



3. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most important weeks in all the history of humanity! What else happens later during Holy Week?

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1. What does hosanna mean?
2. What celebration was coming soon for the Jews?

1. Hosanna is an expression of adoration, praise, or joy. People were adoring Jesus as Lord when they shouted Hosanna.

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2. People were preparing for Passover, the major Jewish festival that remembers the Jews being freed from slavery in Egypt.