

## Merilee's Activities for Children for Palm Sunday

"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" Psalm 100 says to us 100's of years before Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday traditionally tells the story of the meteoric rise and fall on Jesus' popularity within one week. Many think that the masses of people who followed Jesus and welcomed him with cheers and palm leaves were too intimidated by the Roman's power to stand up for him when Caesar asked "Shall I release to you the king of the Jews?". But today . Palm Sunday, we celebrate the love of the masses with palms and a joyful noise unafraid of the consequences.

Each day something new happens during this week.

The Gallery of Easter Pictures that the children have prepared is hanging in the church depicting each event leading up to Easter. It is super amazing and will be sent to you on a special video. After Easter the pictures will be on display in the church hall for the rest of the year. Hopefully we will all be allowed into the church and be able to see these works of art prepared for the Lord

Many Blessings to you this Easter Week and beyond.

Merilee

## A Joyful Celebration !! Palm Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Theme;** Praising Jesus

**Scripture;** Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9-10 or Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

**Kid's Talk Object;** Noisemakers such as kazoos, whistles, horns, bells, clickers and some flags or banners. Palms if possible.



I really enjoy a great celebration, don't you? What are some things that people like to celebrate? A birthday party...a holiday...or a sporting event? How do they celebrate? Well, one way people celebrate is by making a lot of noise. Look, I have some noisemakers for some of you this morning. (Pass out noisemakers.) Another way people celebrate is by waving flags or pennants. I have some of those too. (Pass out flags and pennants.) Still another way people celebrate is by shouting and cheering.

This morning, let's have a celebration. Let's celebrate that we are here today to worship and praise Jesus. Let's all give three cheers for Jesus while those of you who have noisemakers make some noise and those of you who have flags wave them high! Are you ready? Here we go! "Hip, Hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!"

Wow! That was great and I think this is good day for us to celebrate Jesus, because today is a very special day. Today is Palm Sunday. It is a day when we remember how people celebrated when Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a Sunday some two thousand years ago. You've probably heard the story, but let me tell it again.

Jesus was walking with his disciples toward Jerusalem. As they came near to the city, Jesus told two of his disciples to go on ahead into the town. He told them that they would see a young donkey tied there that had never been ridden. "Untie the donkey and bring it to me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it. He will send it back to you soon.'"

The disciples did what Jesus told them to do and it happened just as he had told them. They found the young donkey, untied it, and started to lead it away. Some men were standing nearby, and they said to the disciples, "Where are you taking that young donkey?" They told them what Jesus had said and the men let them take the donkey.

The disciples brought the young donkey to Jesus and they put their coats on it to make a soft place for Jesus to sit. As they made their way into the city of Jerusalem, people went ahead of Jesus shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Others followed behind and they were also shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!" All the while, people lined the streets cheering and waving palm branches.

It was a wonderful celebration, but it was a bit noisy! Do you think Jesus liked all that noise? I do! The Bible says "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Just as those people celebrated two thousand years ago, we have come here today to celebrate Jesus. What better day to do that than on Palm Sunday?

Father, we celebrate today just as those people celebrated in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. This is the day that You have made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["A Joyful Celebration"](#)

**PRAISE MARCH:** Give children flags, balloons and noise makers and praise the LORD with special words that they can repeat after the teacher -- with words from today's lesson and Bible verses!!

### **PRAISE MOBILE:**

Give children supplies to make and trace pictures of balloons, music instruments, etc and hang from a large circle that will say CELEBRATE JESUS in bright colored markers. Children can also write words of PRAISE on their mobile pieces as well. GLITTER on each mobile hanging would be great. Streamers hanging from the mobile is a MUST for the celebration!!

### **NECKLACE BELL:**

Provide children with a bell and yarn to hang around their neck or add letter beads to the bell necklace to say JESUS or CELEBRATE JESUS.

### **BALLOON PRAISING:**

Give each child a strong balloon and small pebbles or beads to place a few inside the balloon. The children can have a bright colored marker to write CELEBRATE JESUS or words from our lesson on the outside of their balloon. Then blow up the balloon and tie so children can shake the balloon while praising the Lord with song or Bible verse.

### **DRUM CANS:**

Each child could be given a large tin can and construction paper to roll around the can, after decorating and writing words on the paper. Tape the paper to the can and turn it over to use as a drum during the PRAISE TIME, using craft sticks or small items to tap on the drum.

### **PRAISE COLLAGE:**

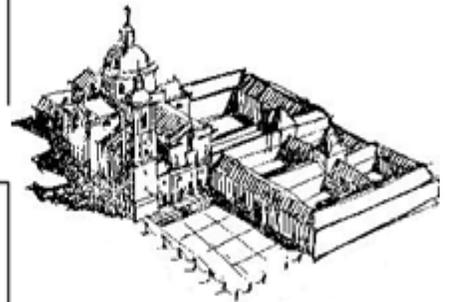
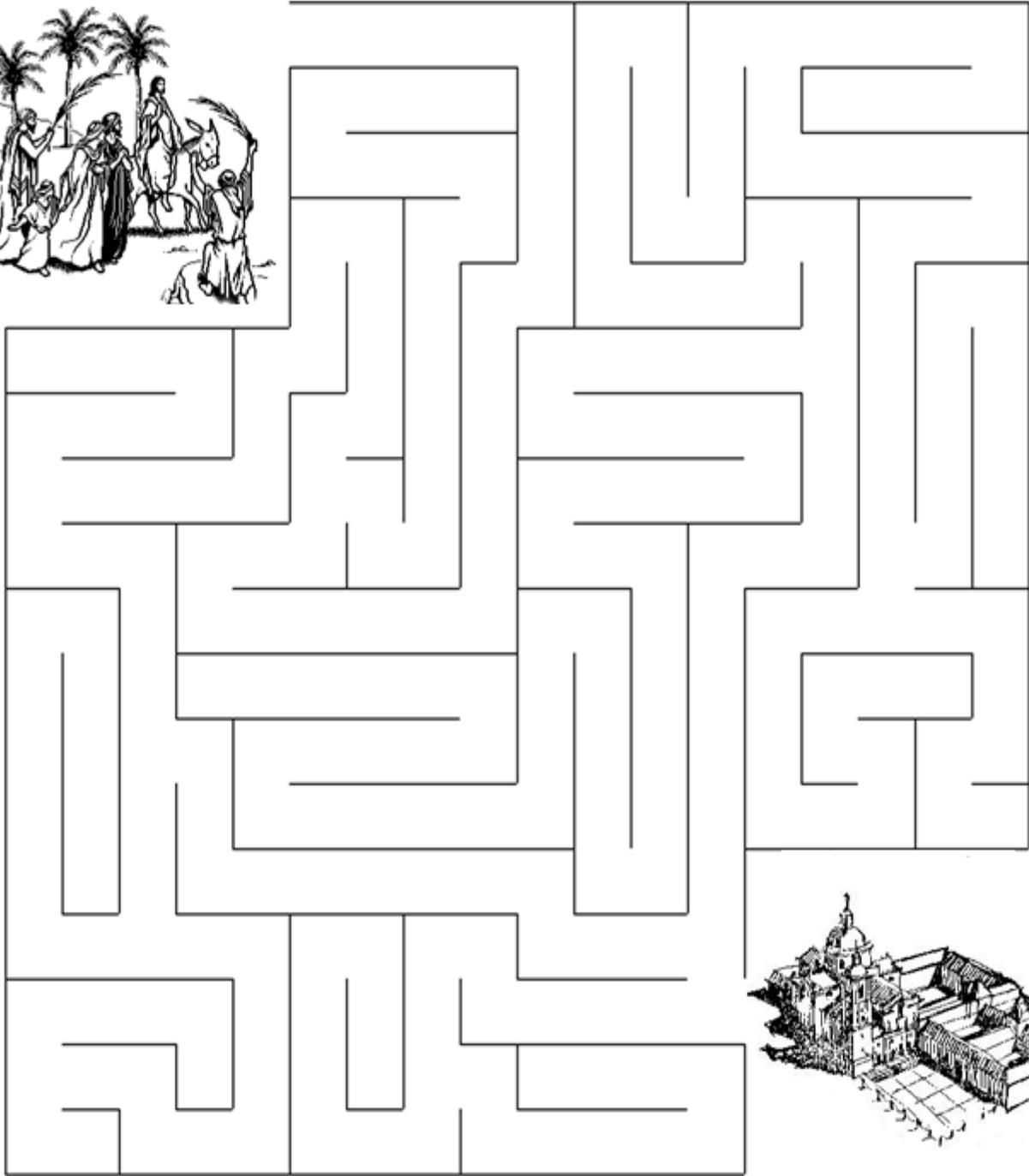
Magazine pictures and other papers to color or draw on can be given to children to glue onto a piece of construction paper with ideas of praise to the Lord -- praising him for friends, or family, homes, cars, toys, weather, nature, etc. Title the collage as children desire, such as PRAISE THE LORD, or CELEBRATE JESUS.

### **SING A SONG:**

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM; HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS; ALLELU ALLELUIA



## Triumphal Entry Maze



Follow Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:9

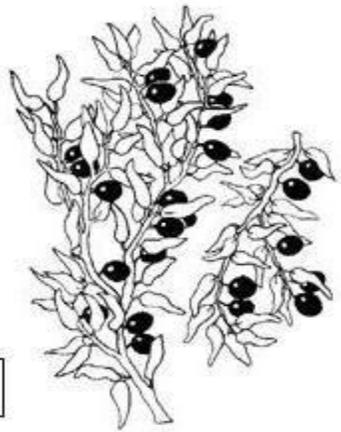
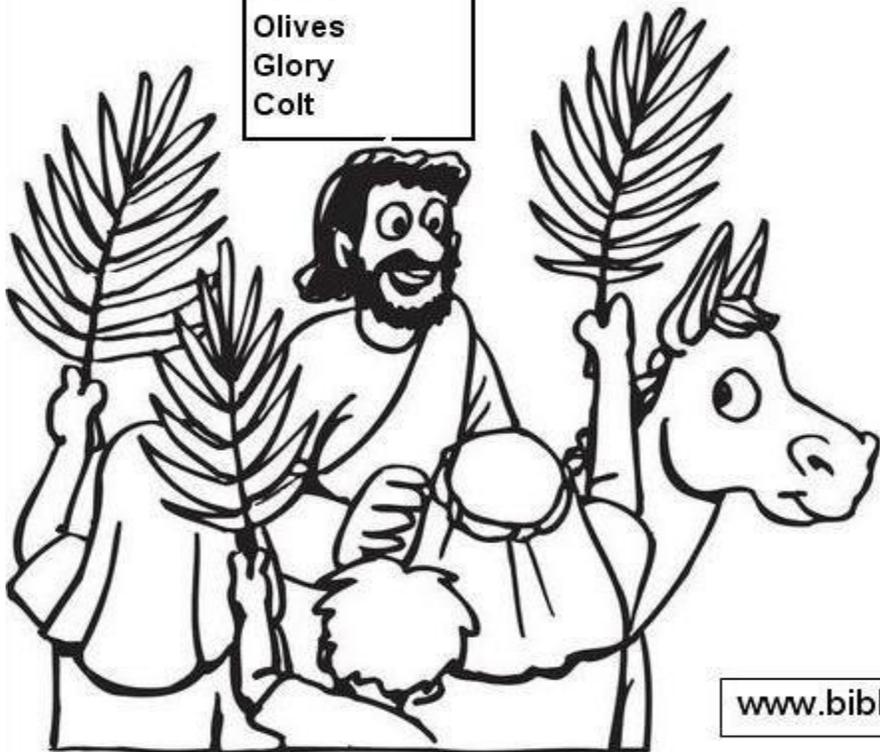
# Palm Sunday

Find the Hidden Word

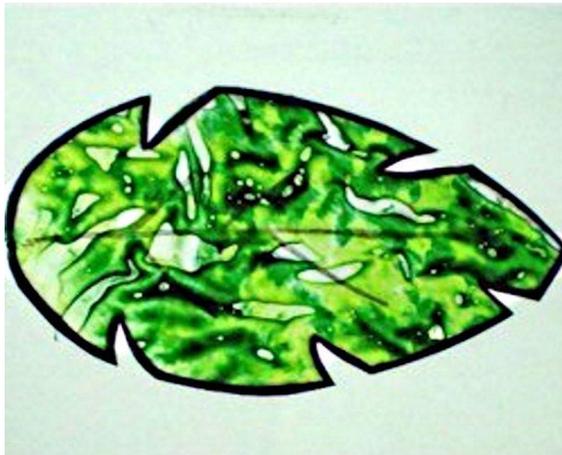
Word Bank

Jerusalem  
Disciples  
Village  
Donkey  
Master  
Jesus  
Cloaks  
People  
Road  
Hosanna  
David  
Palm  
Olives  
Glory  
Colt

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## God's Garden Video Crafts;



**TAMBOURINE PRAISING:** Children can be given 2 tinfoil pie plates to decorate with ribbons etc. Place a few pennies, marbles, dry beans, or beads inside and glue the bowls together with the top edges touching. Children will enjoy shaking their noise makers while singing praises to the Lord today.

**CELEBRATION KAZOO:** Using a cardboard paper towel tube, cover it with construction or wrapping paper then cut a piece of waxed paper, about 4 inches square, and using an elastic secure it to one end of the tube. Decorate it with streamers etc. and make a joyful noise unto the Lord singing Halleluiah's into the other end.

**OIL AND WATER PALM LEAF:** You will need; cardboard, a sandwich zip lock baggie, approx. 40 ml oil, approx. 40 ml water, add a squirt of green tempera paint (or try food colouring) Pour ingredients into the baggie and remove as much air as possible but leaving a few bubbles is ok. Using strong tape or a Glue gun (adult supervision), attach the flattened baggie to a strong piece of cardboard. Cut out a leaf design on another piece of cardboard and glue it on top of the baggie overlapping the edges of cardboard for strength. Have fun with the floating palm leaf.