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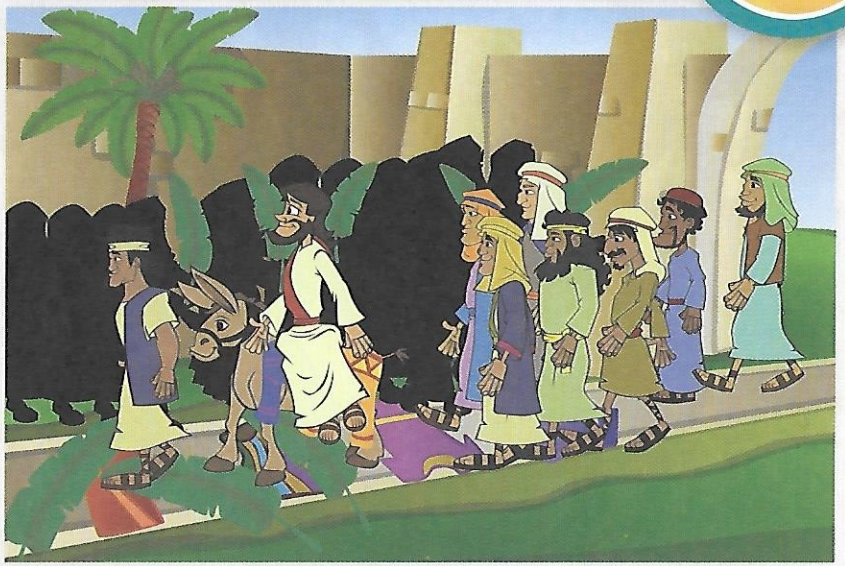
Bible Story Retelling: *Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11)*



Narrator 1: As Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, Jesus gave two disciples a task.

Jesus sent the two disciples into a nearby village, instructing them to untie a donkey colt and bring it back to him.

Jesus told the disciples that if anyone asked them why they were taking the donkey, to tell them Jesus needed it and would return it soon.

The disciples went into the village and found the donkey colt tied up as Jesus had said.

Narrator 2: The disciples brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks upon its back. Then Jesus sat on it.

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, many people spread their cloaks on the road and some spread branches they had cut from the field.

All around Jesus, people shouted: "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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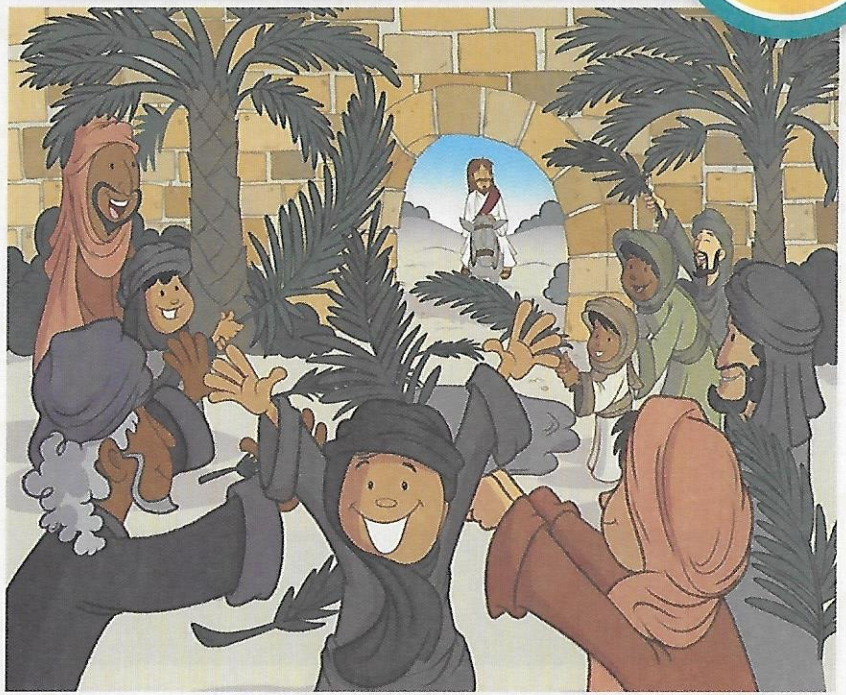
Spiritual Practice: *Chant for Christ*



People were excited that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. The people cheered and thought Jesus was a king. You, too, can welcome Jesus with your chants and cheers!

"Jesus came to show the way!
Jesus came to make a brand new day!
As we wave branches in the air,
He rode into town to spread love everywhere!
Jesus, Jesus, we welcome you!
Jesus, Jesus, O, the amazing things you do!"

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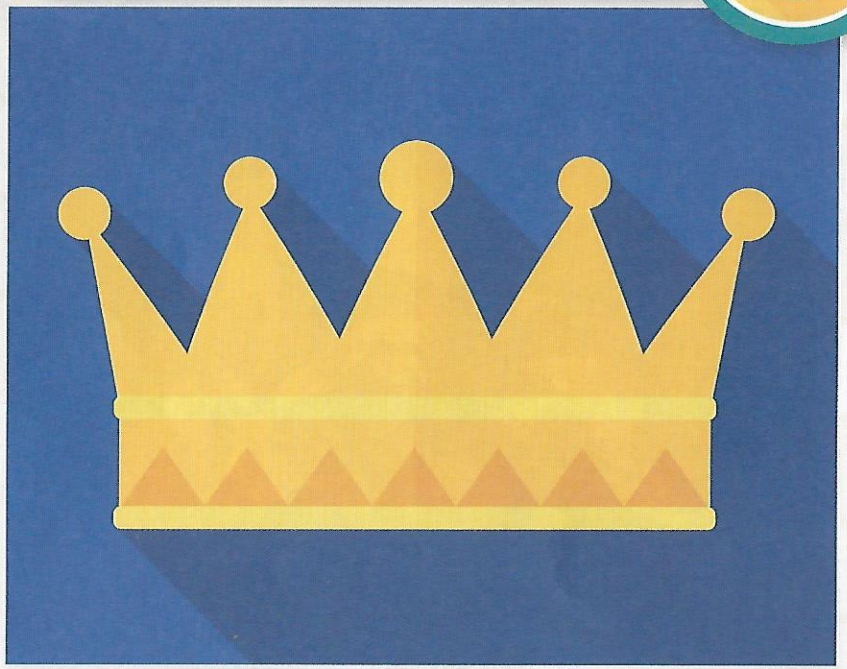
Life Connection: *Welcoming a King*



Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem like a king. People cheered, waved palm branches, and spread out their cloaks. But Jesus was a different kind of king. He was not a king who wanted special attention or treatment.

Jesus would not be a ruler who was rich or who had shiny things. Jesus showed this by not riding into the city on a war horse. Instead, he came into town on a colt. (The colt was seen as an animal for the poor.)

Jesus would not be a king who encouraged fighting or violence. Jesus was a king for peace. Jesus represents God, and God wanted Jesus to be a person of love. Even if people did mean things to Jesus, he would stand up for what was right and show everyone God's grace. He was definitely a different kind of king.

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Family Faith Activity: *Lent - Instructions*

In today's Bible story, the disciples followed Jesus' instructions. These were important instructions. We also get instructions from people in our lives.

I wonder:

- **Who gives you instructions?**
- **Are instructions important? Why?**

As a family, play "Follow the Leader." Take turns being the leader. Everyone else will follow the leader's instructions. Allow each leader three minutes to give special instructions.