CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #9

"BLESSINGS ON THE KING WHO COMES..."

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)



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INTRODUCTION

Dear parents and guardians. This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading used at the procession of Palm Sunday.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of Palm Sunday.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we are gathered here in the name of Jesus. Today, we remind ourselves that Jesus is truly the king of our lives. May we always be obedient to him. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read **Luke 19: 28 – 40**. Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, and share your responses with one another. (If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Some thoughts on today's scripture

The event described in the gospel passage today is often called the Triumphal Entry. Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey accompanied by the cheering of the crowds who wave palm leaves and spread their cloaks. There was great anticipation as the people proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah.

It is significant that Jesus rides into the city on a donkey rather than a horse. The horse was a military animal, and when the king rode into the city on a horse, it was a sign of military victory. The donkey was used for civil ceremonies and peaceful occasions. By choosing a donkey rather than a horse, Jesus showed that he was coming in peace.

The spreading of the cloaks by the people was usually a sign of respect for the king. By spreading their cloaks under the feet of the king the people were showing a sign of submission. It meant that they were willing to bow before the king and to surrender themselves and their possessions to the king. It showed that the people were submitting to Jesus as the Prince of Peace.

The crowd also waved palm branches. Palm branches were used in times of joyous celebrations. It showed that the people were happy to receive Jesus into the city.

Time for reflection and discussion:

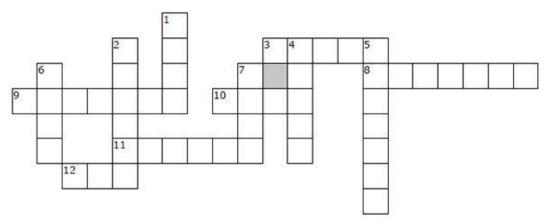
- 1. The celebration of Palm Sunday serves as a reminder that Jesus is our king and that he wants to reign in our lives. How have you been preparing yourself during Lent to receive Jesus as king in your life?
- 2. On Palm Sunday, you are able to receive and bring home a palm leaf. In what way do you think having a palm leaf at home will be special for your loved ones and you?

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:38 (NIV)





ACROSS

- 3. The Son of God
- A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 9. A small town
- A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
- To stretch out over a large area
- 12. To secure with a piece of rope

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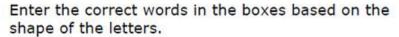
- 1. What a person is called
- To express admiration or approval of something or someone
- 4. To go into a place
- Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- 6. A male ruler of a country
- A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

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Activity #2: Enter the correct words.

The Triumphal Entry

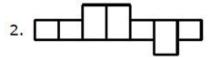
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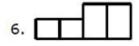


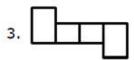


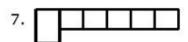




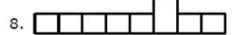






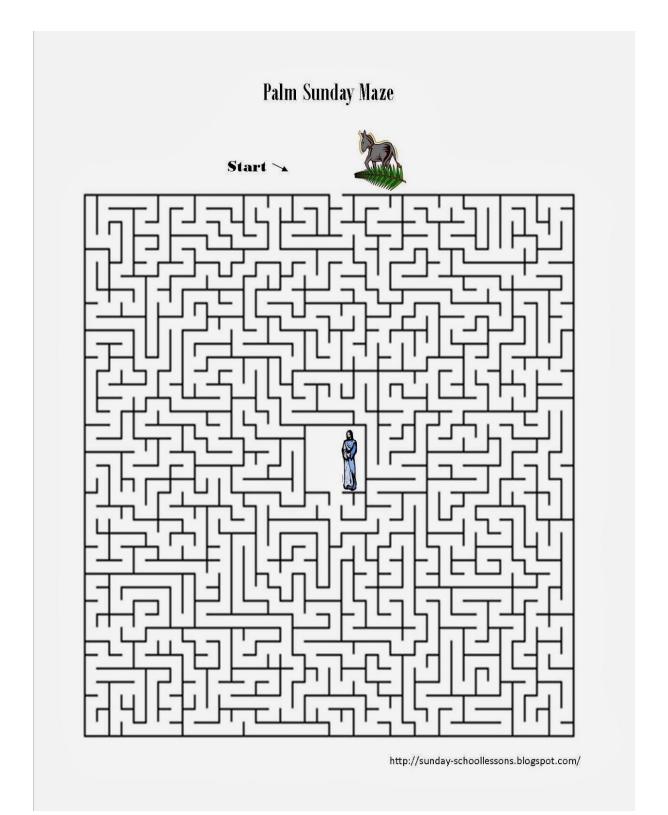






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Activity #3: Fetch the donkey to Jesus.



Activity #4: Break the code.

The Triumphal Entry

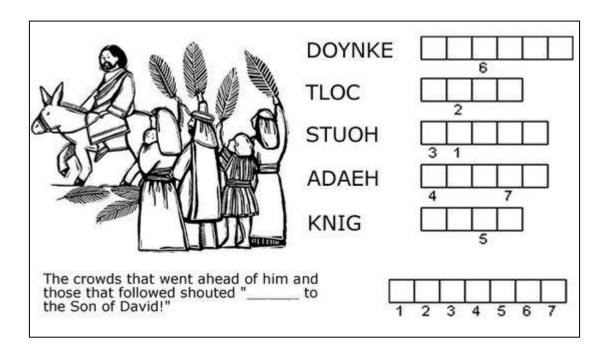
A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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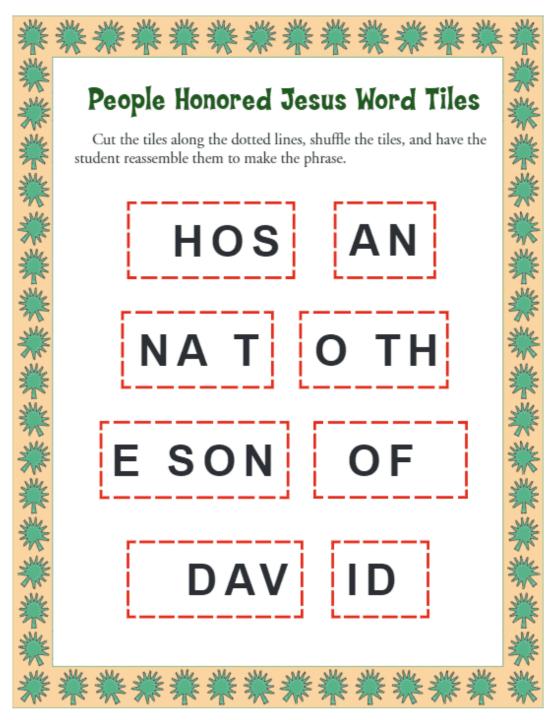
Activity #5: Unscramble the words.



Activity #6: Find the words

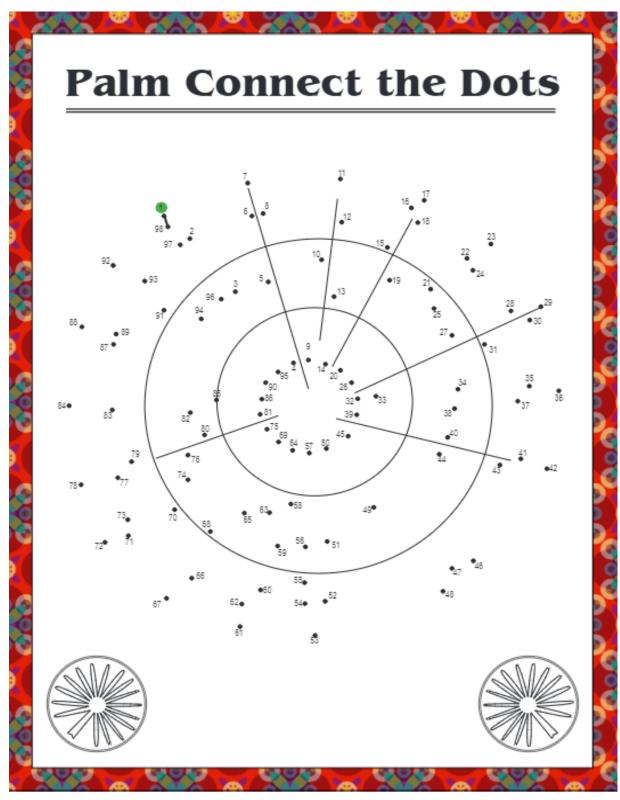
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Activity #7: Make the correct phrase.



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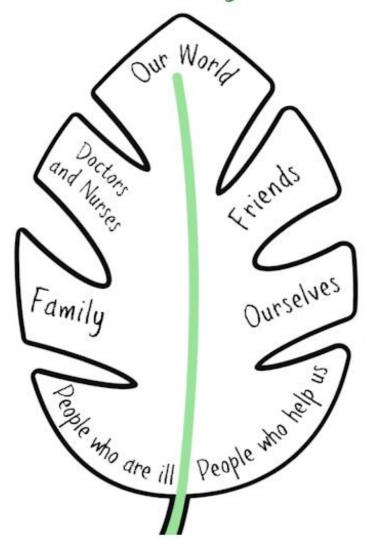
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Palm Sunday Palm Leaf Prayers



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Colour your Palm Leaf. You could pray for each section as you colour.



Cut out your leaf & stick it onto a door



Every day as you pass your leaf pray for one section









Thank You God that you always listen to our prayers. Sometimes we don't always know what is ahead of us, but like Jesus journeying through Jerusalem, may we always know you are with us. Amen

Activity #10: Colour the picture and tell the story.

