



This Week's Lesson

Jesus enters Jerusalem: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Today is a very special day. On this day about two thousand years ago, Jesus and his disciples were walking toward Jerusalem and on their way stopped outside a small village. Jesus sent two of his disciples to go into the village and there they would find a donkey and her colt which they were to bring back to him. The disciples were concerned that the animals might belong to someone and the person might not appreciate them taking their animals. When they expressed their concern to Jesus, He told them, "tell them the Lord needs them and they will let you have them." So the disciples did as they were told and as they grabbed the donkey and her colt someone asked why they were taking the animals. The disciples answered, "The Lord needs them." And the people let them take the animals just like Jesus said. When they arrived back at the camp the disciples took their cloaks and put them on the donkey to make a nice soft seat for Jesus. (Back in Jesus time people wore cloaks that were like light weight robes to protect them from the dirt.)

Jesus got on the donkey and headed to Jerusalem. When he got there, a large crowd gathered to welcome him. Some spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut palms from the trees and spread them on the road. They did this to cover the dirt on the road. And it was their way of showing Jesus that he was their king. The crowd that followed him shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest of heaven!"

The people greeted Jesus as a king that day. Today, Jesus Christ is our king. We welcome Christ into our hearts and lives. Lay down your cloak and greet your king.

Prayer

*Lord Jesus, make your presence felt in our lives and our hearts, that we may excitedly welcome you as those who welcomed you in Jerusalem. Thank you for loving us and being here for us.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen*



This Week's Lesson Craft Instructions

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Materials:

Templates (wreath, cloaks, leaf, Hosanna)

Cardstock

Poster board or cardboard (optional for wreath)

Scissors

Glue

Crayons, markers or paint

Green construction paper (optional for leaves)

Ribbon, raffia or yarn (optional for hanging)

Hole punch (only if hanging)



Directions:

Print and cut out templates on cardstock (don't forget to cut out middle of wreath).

Trace leaves on cardstock if coloring, or use green construction paper.

Color cloaks.

Color Hosanna if using black and white template.

Use wreath template itself...or trace on poster board or cardboard and cut out.

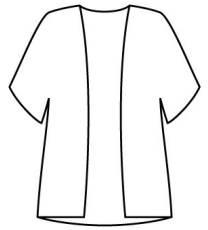
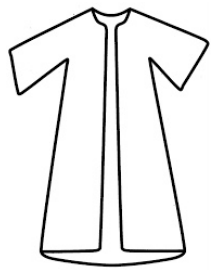
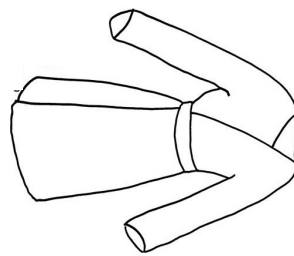
Punch hole at top of wreath if hanging.

Layer and glue leaves around and covering wreath.

Glue hosanna word and cloaks on wreath.

Put ribbon, raffia or yarn through hole at top and tie knot or bow if hanging.

Palm Sunday Craft Templates



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