

Sunday Club – 28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore what it means to give extravagantly. Children may feel they have less to give than adults, especially in terms of their own money. Help them to explore the idea of giving as a means of celebrating Jesus.

Opening activity – Wave and welcome

You will need: palm branches, coats or 'welcome' banners.

Either using real palm branches, coats or banners, take it in turns to enter the room while everyone else waves their branches and shouts 'Hosanna!'

How does it feel to be celebrated in this way? How does it feel to celebrate someone else?

Opening prayer:

We come, generous God,
to learn more about your love for us.
Help us to join in the celebration
of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem.
Show us how to be your disciples.
Be with us now.

Amen.

Open the Word: Open the Bible at Mark 11.1-11

Act it out: You will need: dressing-up clothes, bicycle/prop for a donkey.

Assign a role to your child(ren) (Jesus, disciples, crowd, etc.) and ask them to act out the story as you read it.

Use dressing-up clothes for the cloaks, and a bicycle for the donkey if you have space. Stop at the end of each paragraph and ask the characters what they are doing, and how they feel about the story as it is unfolding.

[Mark 11.1-11 NIV - Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King - As - Bible Gateway](#)

or watch: [God's Story: Palm Sunday - YouTube](#)

Stop and share

There are different reasons to give: sometimes people may ask us for things they need, but on other occasions we may choose to give spontaneously.

At the time of Jesus, a cloak would have had a much greater value than they have today, making this a bigger sacrifice than it sounds to us.

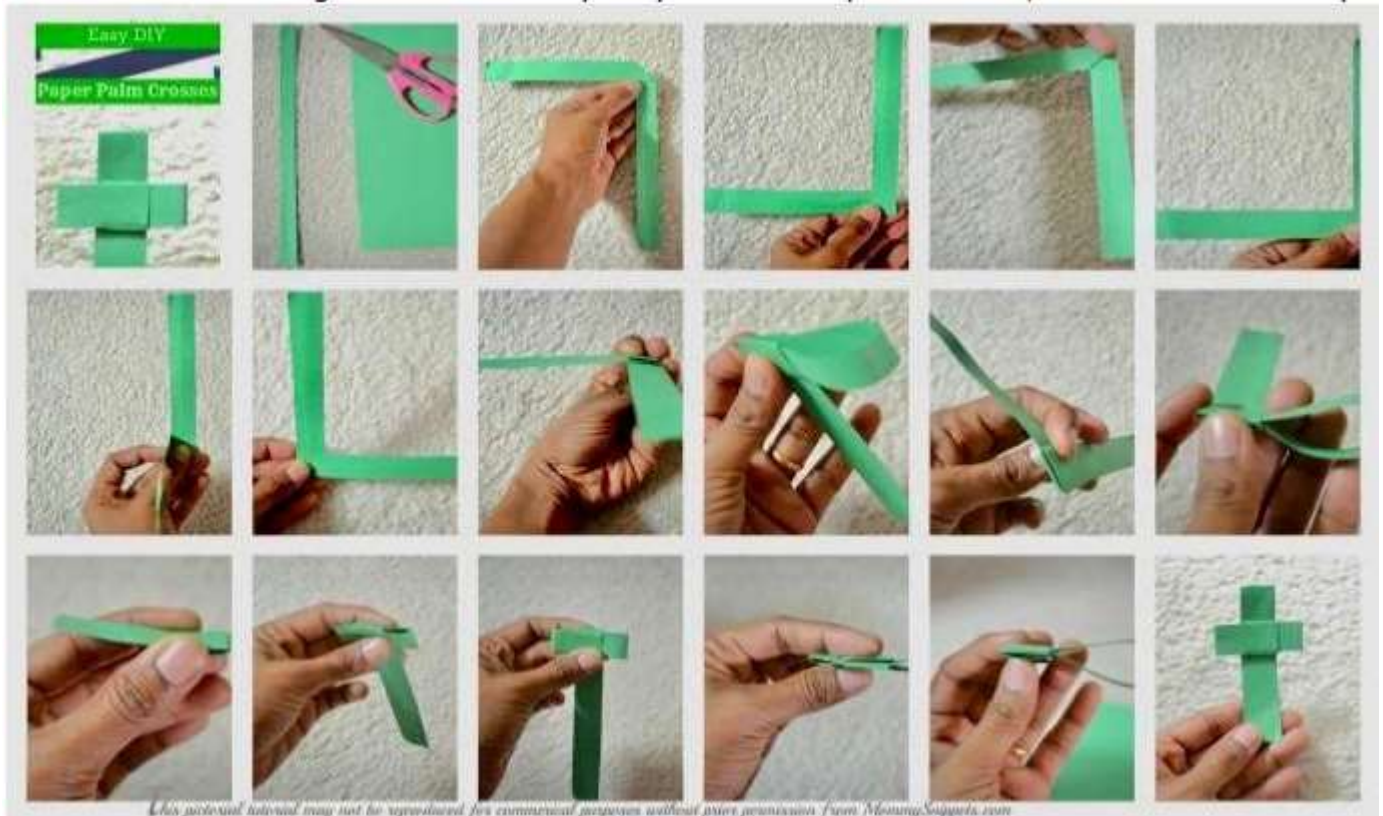
Explain that 'Hosanna' is a Hebrew word usually used to mean 'Praise', but it actually means 'Save us, please!'

Talk Together:

- Describe a time when you received a gift that made you feel really special.
- What would be a modern-day example of throwing coats on the road for Jesus?
- In what practical ways can we celebrate God through giving or sharing our possessions with him or others?

Craft Activity = Palm Crosses

On Palm Sunday we share & give out palm crosses, we wave crosses as the crowd would have waved palms when Jesus entered the city, we wave crosses to remember Jesus saving us, to welcome Jesus into our lives and as our King. There are many ways to make palm crosses, below is one example:



The activity in Kid's church below also adds streamers which look amazing!

[Praise Song: We Want To See Jesus Lifted High - Hillsong](#)

[We Want To See Jesus Lifted High - YouTube](#)

Sing, clap and dance along!

[Closing Prayer:](#)

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem.

Thank you that you came to be a Saviour for everybody.

As we prepare for Easter help us to draw close to you and learn more about who you are.

We pray for those in the world who do not know you yet. Help them to recognise you as their Saviour

Amen

[Other ideas for family worship:](#)

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (Mark 11.1-11)

<https://hullminster.org/family-resources>

Kid's Church (Palm Sunday) This is great fun and very interactive.

Beforehand, you can read the details which shows you the resources that will be required.

[PALM SUNDAY! High Energy Church Season 2 Episode 13 - YouTube](#)

Rochester Diocese Ministry at Home (John 12.12-16) Attachment