

## Parent Notes

### In this week's lesson your child learned

- Jesus was welcomed as he entered the city of Jerusalem.
- The people called out, "Hosanna!" to Jesus. We sing this in Mass today.

## It Helps to Know

Scripture tells us that

- Jesus entered into Jerusalem and was greeted by the people, who called out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9)

Today in the Mass, we greet Jesus in a similar way as we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



### Keep It Simple

- Be sure to attend Palm Sunday Mass as a family, and use the palm leaves you receive to make a special sign of welcoming Jesus into your home.
- As a family, create a banner that says, "Hosanna in the highest." Place these items on the family table, and talk about how you will also welcome Jesus in your home this week through special acts of love for one another.

## How Five- and Six-Year-Olds Understand the Lesson, by Joseph White, Ph.D.

Children are intrigued by the story of Jesus' entry in Jerusalem and can usually identify well with the warm reception he received. More difficult to understand, for a young child, are the misconceptions of the people about who Jesus was and what he intended, as many of the people probably greeted Jesus so warmly because they expected him to lead a revolution against their Roman oppressors.

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# Jesus Is Welcomed



## This Week's Scripture Story

focuses on Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem.

### Jesus Enters Jerusalem

It was Passover, a time when people traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate. Jesus and his Apostles were going there too.

Among the many, many people visiting and living in Jerusalem were those who knew and loved Jesus. When they heard he was on his way, they went to where he would arrive. They took off their cloaks and spread them on the ground.

They did this so Jesus would not have to walk on the ground. It was a way of honoring him. Then the people also cut branches from palm trees.

Then Jesus arrived, riding on a donkey. All the people were joyful to see him! They cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest Heaven!"

Based on *Matthew 21:1-3, 6-9;*

*John 12:12-14*



**Sharing Faith at Home** Share the story with your child of when Jesus entered Jerusalem, by talking about the story or reading it aloud at bedtime. Discussion Starter: How would you greet Jesus to your town?

# Palm Sunday

Lesson 24, Kindergarten



### Through the Week

Think and share ways you can praise and welcome Jesus in your home.



### Ask Me!

Ask your child these questions, and see if he or she can give you the answers. (If not, give a hint, and review the questions again later.)

1. What happened when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? (The people greeted him by waving palms and calling out, "Hosanna!")
2. When do we say the words of the people who greeted Jesus? (in Mass, when we sing, "Hosanna in the highest")

# Setting the Family Table

## Welcome, Jesus!

Color by number and

then trace the letters to say Hosanna!



1. Red
2. Yellow
3. Blue
4. Purple
5. Green
6. Brown

### Mealtime Prayer

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Pray this prayer as a family.



### Saint of the Week

**Philip (first century)**

Feast Day: June 6

### Did you know?

Saint Philip was one of the twelve Apostles. Through his teaching, he often reached out to people who were not traditionally connected with the Jews, thus bringing many others to the teachings of Christ.

**Saint Philip, pray for us!**

