

YEARS PRE-PRIMARY, ONE & TWO

## Palm Sunday



### MAIN TEACHING AND LEARNING POINTS

- Jesus was welcomed as a king.
- On Palm Sunday, members of the Church family celebrate the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem.

### PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, members of the Church family remember when the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus as they would have done for a king. People used palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday, when people attend Mass, they receive a palm branch which has been blessed by the priest. People take the palm home as a reminder that Jesus is our King.

### LIFE EXPERIENCE

Ask children to recall the different ways people show excitement. The following questions may be useful to stimulate discussion.

- **What are some of the things you get excited about?**
- **How do you show other people you are excited?**
- **How do you feel when you are excited?**

Explain to the children that we show excitement in different ways. When Jesus visited Jerusalem, people showed their excitement in seeing Jesus by waving palms.

### GOD'S WORD

**John 12:12-13 | *The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem***

**Parent:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Child responds:** *Glory to you, O Lord.* (While saying the words, trace a small cross with the thumb on the forehead, lips and heart.)

The next day, the large crowd that had come to the Passover Festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Child responds:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### FOCUS QUESTIONS

Ask your child the following questions to help them reflect on the Scripture.

- **How did people welcome Jesus into Jerusalem?**
- **Why were they waving their palms with excitement?**
- **What did they shout out to him?**
- **Why do you think the people welcomed Jesus as a King?**
- **What kind of king do you think Jesus would have been?**

### PRAYER OF THE MASS – THE SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY)

*Begin the prayer with the Sign of the Cross.*

**Catechist** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Children** Hosanna in the highest.

**Catechist** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Children** Hosanna in the highest.

*End the prayer, with the Sign of the Cross.*



# Hosanna Palm

Colour in the word Hosanna and then cut along all of the black lines.  
Attach a pop-stick to the bottom of the palm leaf.

