

Art Extra - Holy Week

Scripture Reference: Mark 11:1–11; 14:1—15:47

Palm Puppets

Kids make palm puppets to welcome Jesus with shouts of "Ho-ho-hosanna!"

Supplies:

- Palm Branch PDF
- White or green cardstock
- Green tissue paper, various shades
- Green construction paper, various shades
- Crayons
- Stickers
- Glue
- Scissors (adult use only)
- Craft sticks, 1 per kid
- Additional craft supplies (feathers, sequins, jewels, leather, felt, etc.)
- Stapler (optional)
- Tape (optional)

Set Up:

Print or trace the palm branch template onto sheets of white or green cardstock, then cut out one branch per kid. Place supplies in a central location.

Instructions:

In the Bible story today, the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with waving palms and cheers of "Ho-ho-hosanna!" Today, we're going to make our own palm branches to welcome Jesus.

1. Give each kid a palm branch.
2. Invite kids to decorate their palm branches with the supplies.
3. Help kids glue or tape the craft stick to the back of their palms.
4. Allow a minute or two for the glue to dry before waving around.

Now we have palm branches too! Let's pretend we are in Jerusalem, and Jesus is riding into town. Let's welcome Jesus: "Ho-ho-hosanna!"

If you have less time. . .

Attach craft sticks to palm branches prior to class. Limit the number of decorative art supplies available to kids.

If you have more time. . .

Turn your palm branches into palm-branch headbands! Use strips of green or white cardstock to cut strips large enough to fit around kids' heads. Measure the length around each kid's head, then glue, staple, or tape the band to size. Have kids glue the palm to the band and glue the band together. Wear them proudly!