

DRAMATIZE THE PALM SUNDAY STORY

“Behold, your King is coming to you” (Matthew 21:5).

Read aloud the Palm Sunday story in Matthew 21:1-11.

Have all of the children be the people who welcomed the Lord as He rode to Jerusalem. Let them dress up by putting on bathrobes or by draping a towel (or silk cloth) over their shoulders.

If the children have made palm branches, let them wave these as the narrator reads the story.

Let the children dramatize this section as the narrator reads it: “And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road” (Matthew 21:8). Encourage the children to lay their “outer garments” (bathrobes, towels, *etc.*) on the “road.”

Then have everyone say these words (from Matthew 21:9) together:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’
Hosanna in the highest!”

(Note: Younger children may need to “echo” these words line by line.)