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Following Jesus

People long ago waved palm branches to praise and welcome Jesus. Palm Sunday parades remind us to follow Jesus.



this week

Have a parade in your home or neighborhood.



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Welcome to worship. Today is Palm Sunday. Did you have a parade in your worship space? In some churches people carry palm branches and sing. On Palm Sunday we remember the Bible story of people waving palms to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.



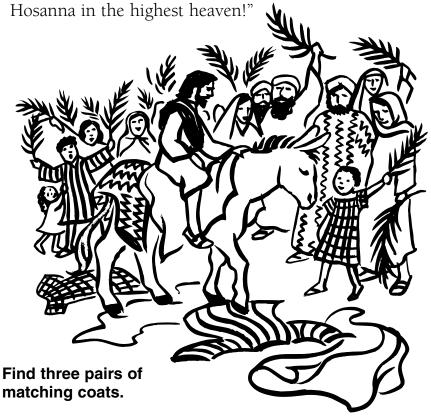
Draw the missing leaves on these palm branches.

hear & celebrate

Welcome, Jesus!

Luke 19:28-40

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, some people spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and waved them shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!





"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Have you heard or sung these words in worship before? Listen for them today.

Words of praise

Use the code below to find some of the words we use to praise Jesus and say that we love him. We have put away the last word until Easter. Look forward to saying and singing that praise word on Easter Sunday.







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$$G = \begin{cases} S \\ I \end{cases} & V = \end{cases}$$

What are your favorite words to use to praise Jesus?



Books of the Bible Word Ladder

Each week in worship, we hear readings from the Bible. Use the hints in the word ladder to make a new word by changing just one letter. Hints in **bold** are books of the Bible.

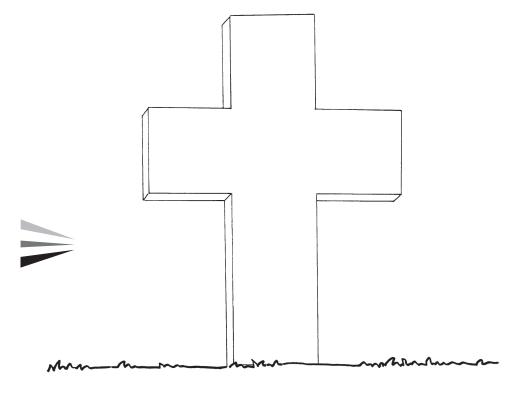
The second to last book of the Bible	JUDE
box. Insert coins and it plays music.	JUKE
The only Gospel with a sequel	
Something you use to catch a fish	
To sneak, creep, slink	
A bird famous for its singing	
The shortest and oldest Gospel	
A green place that's good to play in	
A piece of a whole	
The opposite of future	
The opposite of slow	
Short word for festival	
To relax	
Reddish-brown stuff on an old car	
To hurry	
A book about a woman who was friends with Naomi	RUTH



- Today is **Palm Sunday**.
- Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week.
- During Holy Week, we remember what happened during the last week of Jesus' life.
- Today, we sing and cheer for Jesus just like the crowd did when he entered Jerusalem!

Palm Sunday to Good Friday

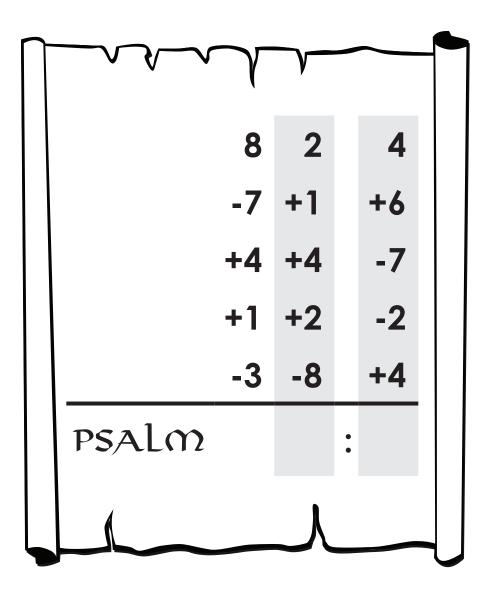
Palm Sunday is the final Sunday in the Lenten season. The symbol of Lent is the cross. Draw cloaks, palm branches, and flowers around the foot of the cross.



Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. – Luke 23:46

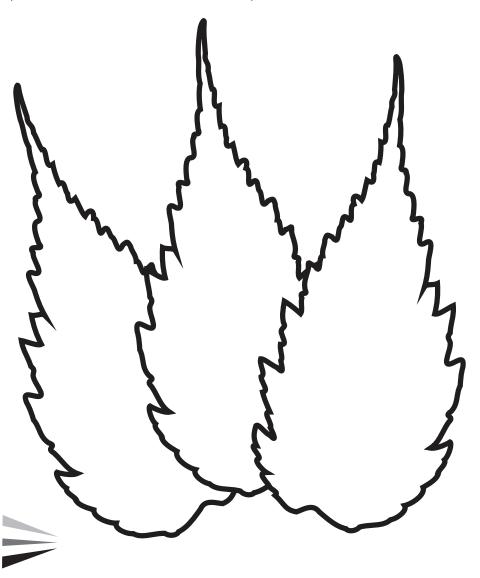


As Jesus died, he quoted the words of a Psalm. Do the math to learn which verse it comes from.



Palms of Praise

When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the crowds were shouting his praises because they had heard about his miracles (Luke 19:37). What would you praise Jesus for? Write some ideas on the palm leaves.





Now that you've figured out the verse that Jesus quotes, look it up! (Hint: the second half of the verse says "you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.")

You probably got a palm branch before worship. What does it look like? How many leaves does it have?

Draw a picture of yourself holding it!



I have this many leaves on my palm:







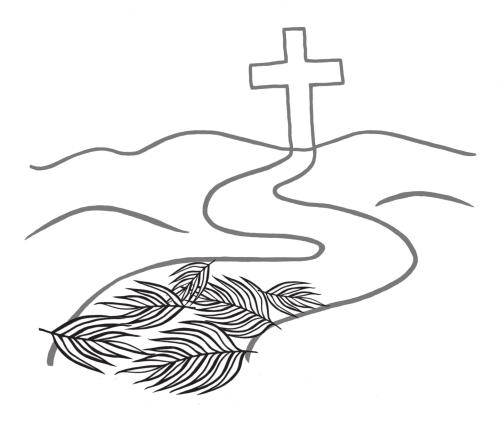




Palm Sunday

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- Palm Sunday is the **final Sunday** in Lent.
- Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week.
- Today we remember how the people cheered for Jesus.

People put down palm branches as Jesus came into Jerusalem. Cover the road to the cross with palms.





People were singing and shouting, "Here comes God's king! Hosanna! Praise God!"



Jesus had to get a donkey before going to Jerusalem.

Which line passes through the donkey AND leads to the city?

