



Supplies

- Bible

I Wonder...

Remember this part of the Bible story?

 Read aloud Matthew 21:9.

? I wonder...why did the people shout as Jesus arrived?

It was a way to cheer for and celebrate Jesus! We still celebrate people in that way today. Share a time you were cheered for, such as at a sporting event, at a graduation, or on your birthday.

? When have people cheered for you? Invite kids to share in pairs.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, he was making a promise from Scripture, in Zechariah 9:9, come true. The people had been waiting for the promised king and were excited. They shouted and cheered "hosanna," which means "save us now."

? What words would you cheer to celebrate Jesus?

Have kids form groups of three or four and write their own chants/cheers to celebrate Jesus. Take turns sharing them with the group.

The people celebrated because their Rescuer had finally arrived. It was a joyful day! Jesus is also our Rescuer, which is why we celebrate Jesus.
(Hooray, Jesus!)





Supplies

- red construction paper
- markers
- tape

Make It Real

Today we're discovering that **we celebrate Jesus...because he's our Rescuer.** (*Hooray, Jesus!*) We're celebrating Palm Sunday, but the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem was part of a different celebration. Let's make this truth a little more real.

Read Exodus 12:3.

Jesus entered Jerusalem on the same day Jewish families brought Passover lambs into their homes. God's people celebrated Passover every year to remember how God rescued their ancestors in Egypt.

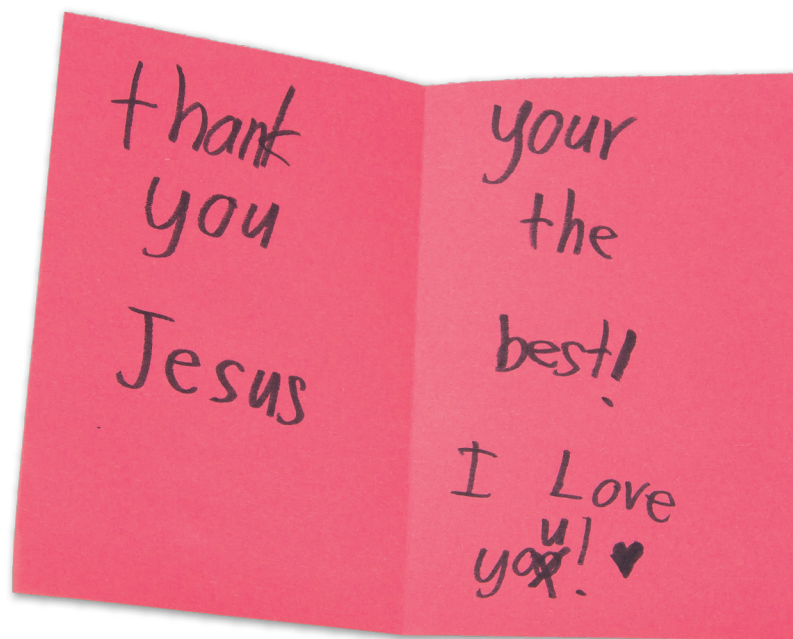
We celebrate Palm Sunday to remember Jesus' kingly entrance into Jerusalem—and to get ready to celebrate Easter and what Jesus did to rescue us from our sins.

You know, Jesus is with us now even though we can't see him. Jesus can hear us as clearly as you hear me.

? What would you like to do or say to thank Jesus for rescuing us?

Invite kids to write their thoughts as thank-you notes to Jesus on red construction paper. Then tape them around the doorframe of your room.

Just as the blood of the Passover lamb rescued God's people, the blood of Jesus rescued us. We celebrate Jesus...because he's our Rescuer. (*Hooray, Jesus!*)





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