

## The Triumphal Entry

**Scripture:** Luke 19:29-40

**Parent Note:** If you look at the Luke version of this story. Palms are not part of the story but cloaks and stones are. By this time Jesus understood more fully what his ministry was and what might happen to him. He had shared with his disciples that he would die and rise again. (Luke 18: 31-34) When a king rode into a city on a horse, he was coming to do battle. However, when a king rode into a city on a donkey, he was coming in peace. Jesus was coming into Jerusalem on the donkey was the sign that he was the Messiah. Hosanna (save us) is used to hail conquering heroes. The people laid their cloaks out in honor of the king. What hopes and expectations must have been in the hearts of the disciples and others who had been following Jesus? Jesus was the only one who understood what was before him. His disciples had visions of great places in the palace for each of them. The people who cheered him from the street imagined the Roman rulers out of their lives once and for all. (Adapted by The Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 1754 Manchester, MO)

### **Review Wondering Questions:**

I wonder what Jesus would be like as a King?

I wonder where you are in this story?

I wonder what Jesus thought when the people waved palms and shouted praises to him?

### **Family Activities to explore this week:**

Have you ever seen a parade? Remember what it was like when you went to a parade. What did you do? Who did you see?

Make one-man-band instruments. You need one small plastic container or Pringles can works well, popcorn kernels, colored pencils or markers and construction paper. Draw a bible story on the construction paper and glue or tape to container. Fill about ½ cup of popcorn kernels into container and secure with a taped lid. Praise God! Hosanna!

If Jesus was coming into a major city today what would we use to welcome him?