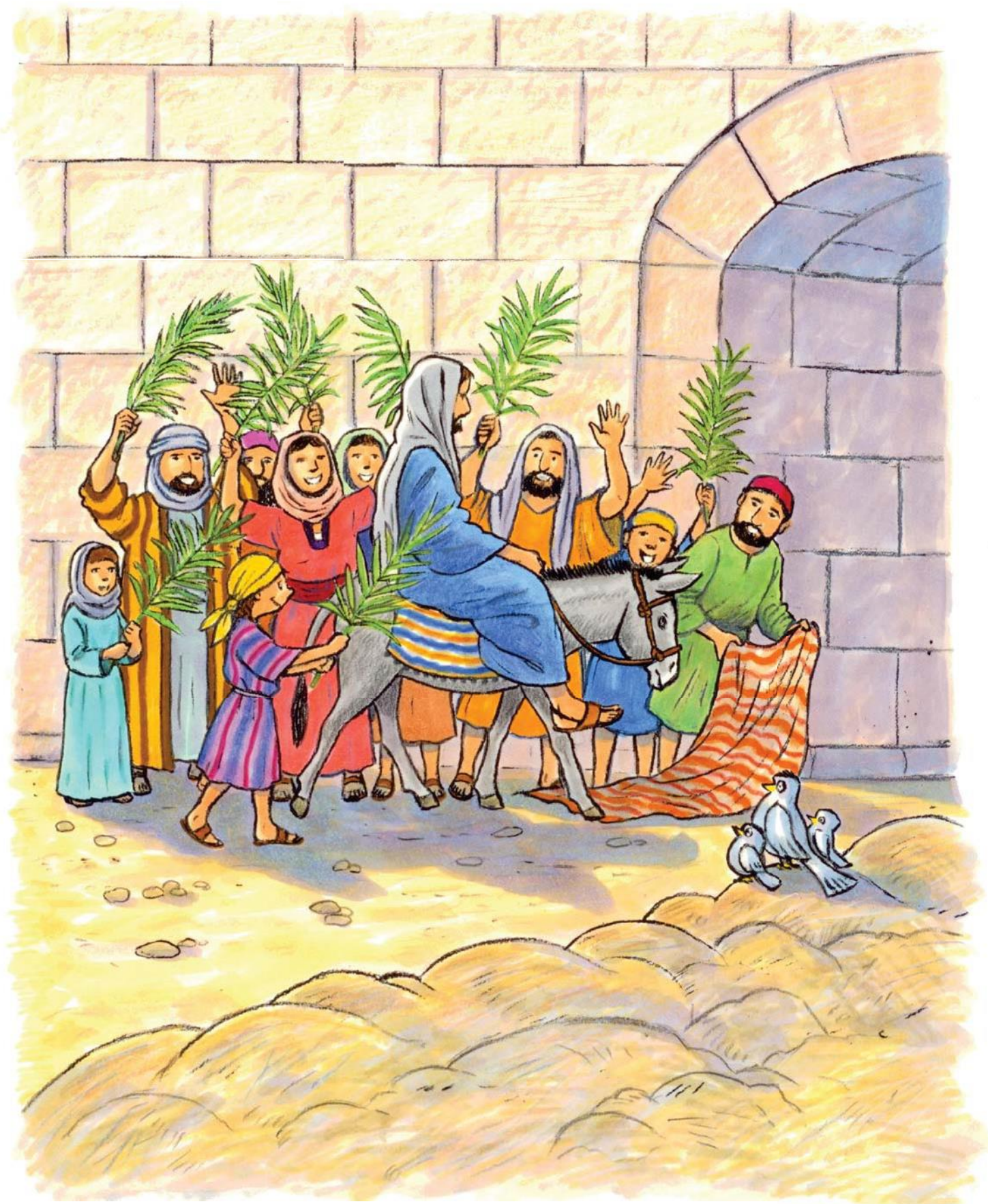


# PALM SUNDAY

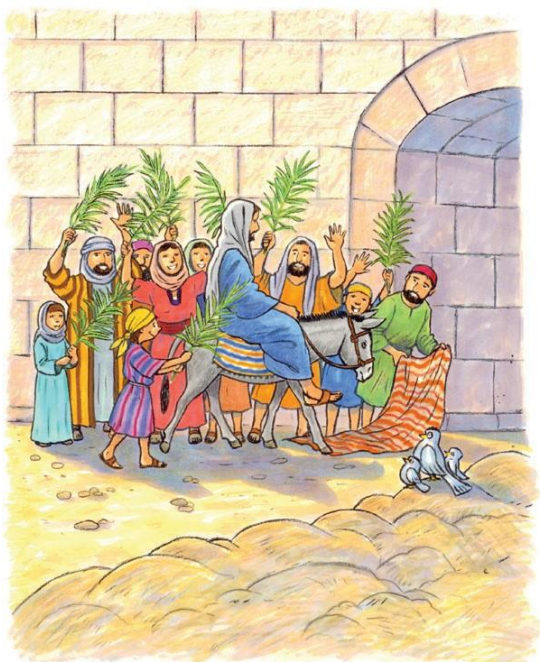
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Message	We want Jesus Christ to be King of our hearts.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ How the people praised Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem which fulfilled the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9).</li><li>■ How Jesus Christ can become the King of our hearts.</li></ul>
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## Palm Sunday



On His way to Jerusalem, Jesus came to the Mount of Olives. He sent two disciples to the village ahead of them, and said, "When you enter the village, you will find a donkey and her colt that has not been ridden.

Untie them and bring them here. And if anyone should ask you why you are taking them, tell them, 'The Lord needs them.'"

The disciples set out and found a donkey and her colt. As they untied them, the owners asked, "Why are you untying the donkey and colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs them."

This was done so the prophecy of Zechariah could be fulfilled: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus, threw their clothes upon it and sat Jesus upon it. Along the way, the people spread their clothes in front of Jesus. Other people cut down branches and spread them on the road.

Many people followed Jesus and cried, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

As He drew close to the city, many people were moved and asked, "Who is this?"

The people answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth!"

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise, palm leaves, two children are the donkey....

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why does Jesus enter Jerusalem on a donkey? (A king rides on this animal.)
- How do the people in Jerusalem receive Jesus?  
(They wave branches of palm trees; call "Hosanna"; they spread their clothes on the road.)
- What do the people expect of Jesus? (He shall save them from their earthly troubles.)

Have the children repeat...

- The people praised Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem.
- Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah.
- Jesus Christ can become the King of our hearts.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus is not king of a worldly kingdom, but king of the Eternal Kingdom.
- How do we act, when he is the king who rules our hearts? (Live a life that pleases him...)
- He will fulfill His promise and fetch us home to be with Him in His Eternal Kingdom.

**Repeat the Message**

**We want Jesus Christ to be King of our hearts.**