

# STORY alive

pointing little hearts to  
God one truth at a time

**JESUS CAME TO RESCUE ME AND  
RESTORE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH  
GOD. HE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP!**

Matthew 21:1–11,  
Mark 11:1–11  
(Palm Sunday)

## Story Alive Family Bible Pack

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## VERSE

And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [Mark 11:9, ESV]

## CREATE

Color and add the Palm Sunday piece to the Holy Week banner

## EXPLORE

Reenact the Palm Sunday story with palm branches and a few of your coats.

Make a palm branch with green construction paper.

Imagine what it might have been like the day Jesus entered Jerusalem. Pretend and retell the story with toys you have on hand.

## READ

Mark 11:1-11

Matthew 21:1-11

## ENGAGE

Enjoy the Palm Sunday Palm Tree Snack

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What was Jesus riding on when He entered Jerusalem?

What were the people singing and shouting?

Why did the people praise Jesus? Why did He come?

Who is worthy of your praise? Why?

## PALM SUNDAY PALM TREE SNACK



### You'll Need:

- Plate
- Bananas
- Mandarin Oranges (or Clementines)
- Grapes, Kiwi, or Green Apples
- Knife

### Instructions:

- 1 Wash and slice the fruit.
- 2 Arrange the fruit in the shape of a palm tree (the bananas are the trunk, the grapes, kiwi, or green apples are the branches, and the clementines are the ground).
- 3 Invite your kids to enjoy the snack!

Snack time is a great time to read the Palm Sunday story and discuss the Let's Talk About It questions together. Your kids could also color the Hosanna coloring page at the same time!

## MAIN IDEA + VERSE CARDS

Print these two pages on heavy cardstock front and back so that you can have the main idea on one side and the questions on the other as well as one verse on each side of a separate card. Use scissors to cut around each square to create individual cards. You can also laminate these pages for added durability.

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**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT**

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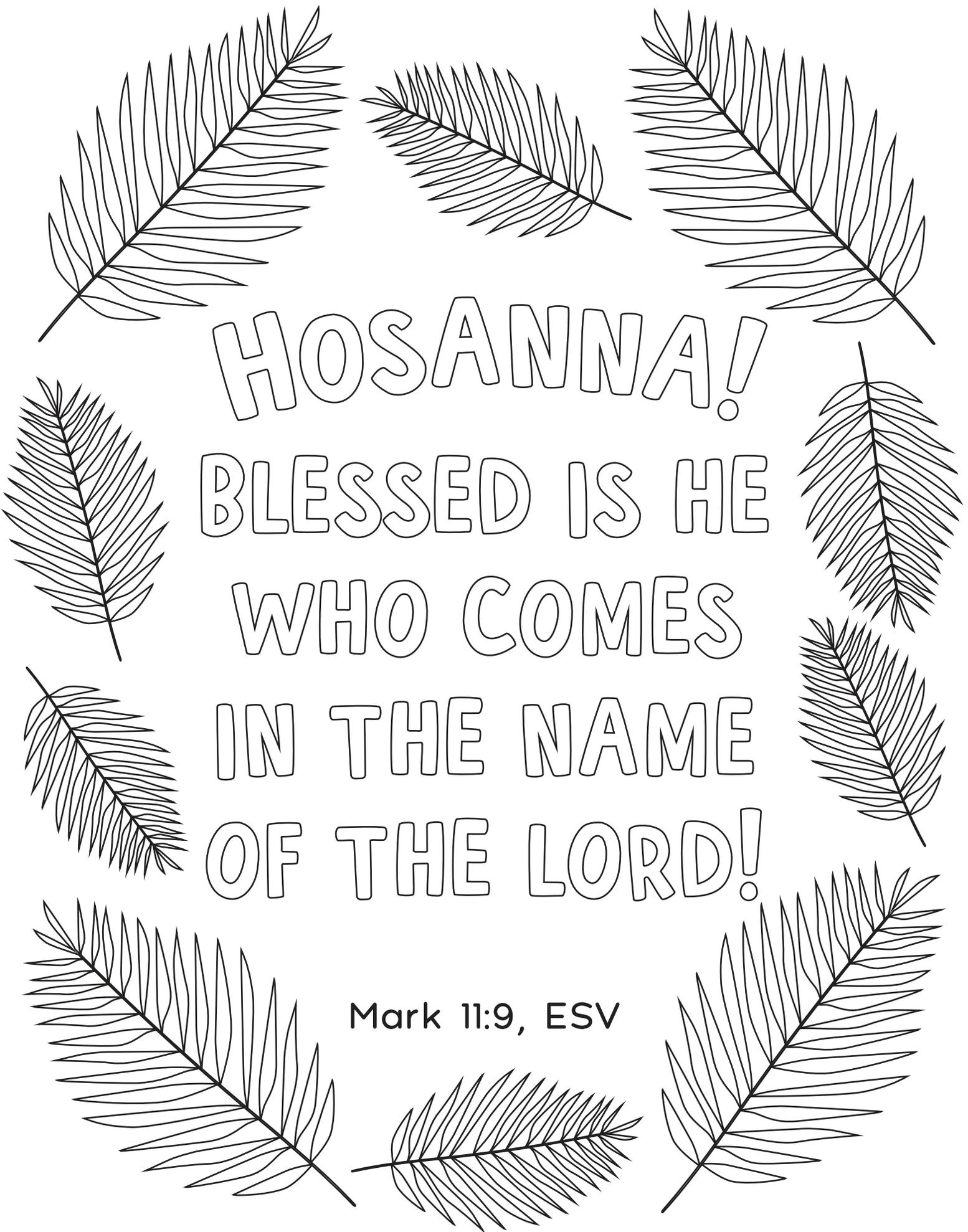
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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16, NIV



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## PALM BRANCH CRAFT

### You'll Need:

- Hosanna Printable
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Green Construction Paper
- Glue
- Green Crayon



### Instructions:

- 1 Print the Hosanna printable on cardstock.
- 2 Use scissors to cut out 1" strips from the green construction paper.
- 3 Use a green crayon to color in the stem and glue the strips of construction paper to either side of the line to form the palm branch.

## PALM SUNDAY PRETEND PLAY

### You'll Need:

- Small people and a donkey toy (if you don't have a donkey, you can use a horse or something similar and your imagination)
- Palm Branch



### Instructions:

- 1 Grab your favorite toy people, toy donkey, and palm branches.
- 2 Pretend, play, and imagine what it would be like to be in Jerusalem as Jesus entered the scene.

## RETELL THE PALM SUNDAY STORY

### You'll Need:

- Palm Branches (If you don't have any you can easily make some with green construction paper)
- Coats



### Instructions:

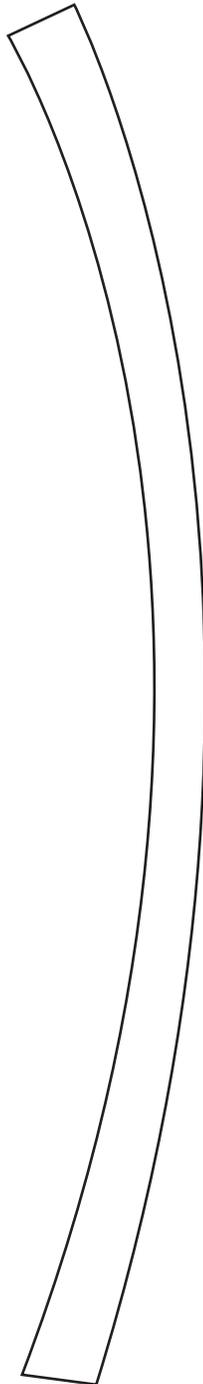
- 1 Read through Mark 11:1-11
- 2 Invite your kids to act out the story by placing palm branches and coats to make a path for Jesus. Talk about what it might have felt like. After your kids are finished pretending and imagining, you can also listen to Hosanna by Hillsong.

## LET'S DIVE DEEPER

On Palm Sunday we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people began praising Him. This special day was prophesied (told that it would happen) long before it actually happened (Zechariah 9:9).

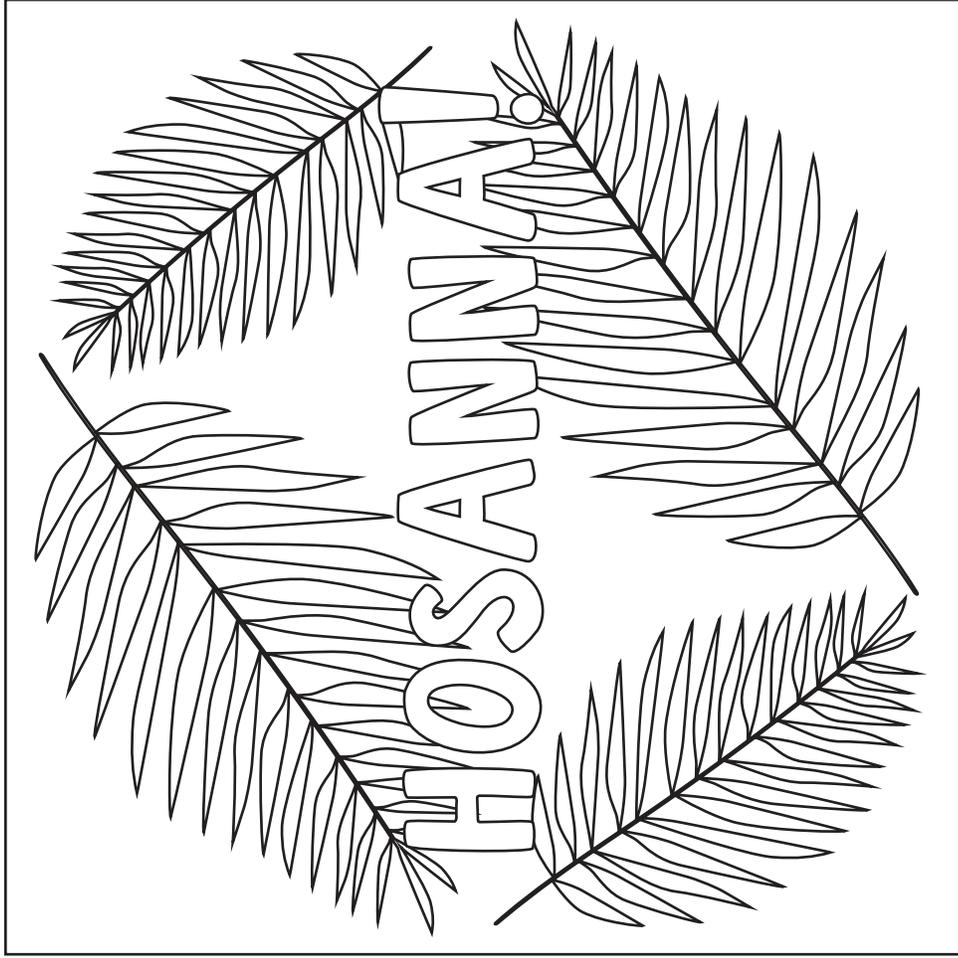
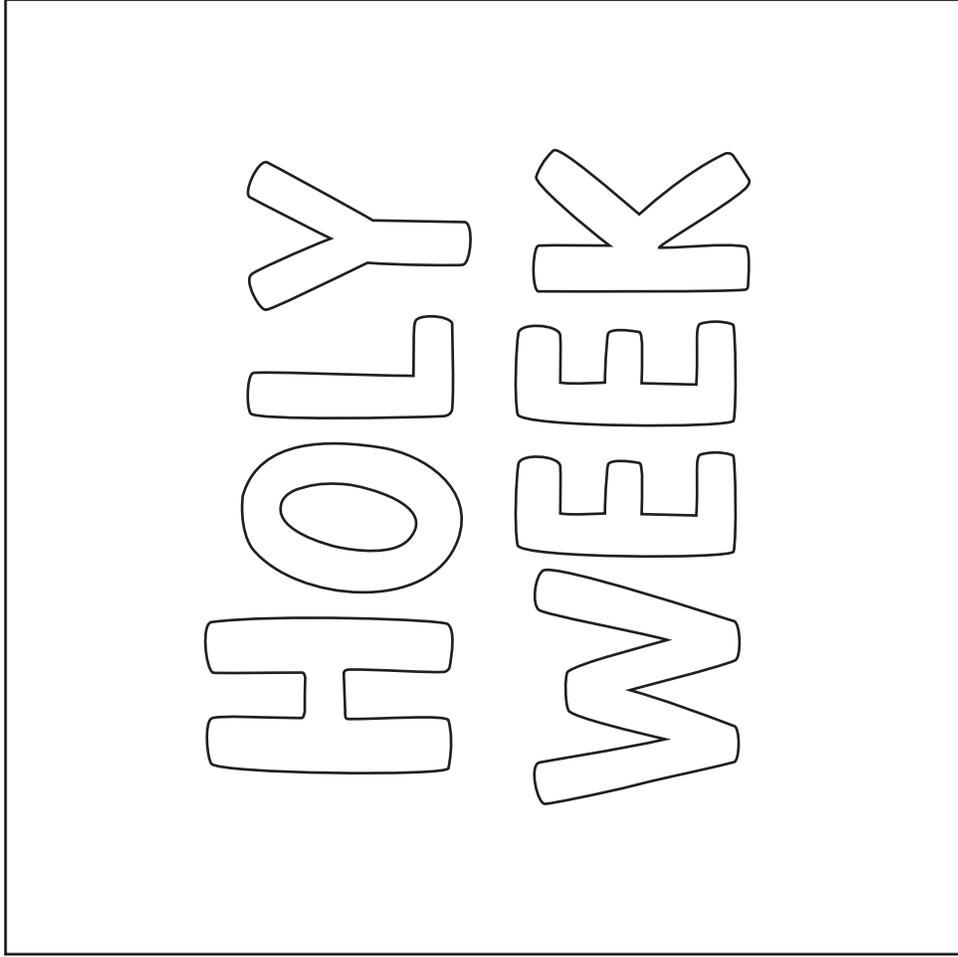
The palm branches were a symbol of victory, honor, and celebration. People used them to cheer for important people who entered their city and rode down their streets. They lined the streets with a 'red carpet' of palm branches and their very own coats. They were cheering because they were excited that their long awaited King was here. But Jesus was not going to save them like they had imagined. The people wanted a King who would enter the scene and rule on a throne, but Jesus came as a servant who would die for them in order to rescue them.

# HOSANNA!



# HOLY WEEK BANNER

Print this page on heavy cardstock and color each piece. Cut around each banner piece with scissors. Punch two holes in the top and string together with ribbon. Hang the banner up and add a new piece as you walk through each part of Holy Week.



 **DECORATE THE  
BACKGROUND  
WITH YOUR  
FAVORITE COLORS**