### Palm Sunday Craft Ideas for Holy Week

A Different Approach: Donkeys, Palms, Dirty Feet, and a Cross Craft Ideas for Holy Week

Holy Week is (or should be) the most celebrated time in a church season. From Palm Sunday through Good Friday, we honor the last days of Jesus, and eagerly anticipate His resurrection on Easter. As we prepare for Holy Week, consider activities and discussions that will make children appreciate Christ's sacrifice. Of course, fun crafts can accomplish the task, too!

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#### Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" -John 12:15

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" -John 12:13

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

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. -Mark 10:25

If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. -John 13:14-15

Jesus calls us to love and serve one another.

Jesus did not fill expectations...He went far beyond them!

Jesus lived to die, and died so that we may live.



# Craft one: "Palm Palm Stick "

#### You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper (green)
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue or tape
- Toilet Paper tube or popsicle stick
- Pipe cleaners (optional decoration)

### Procedure:

- Trace hand prints onto green paper.
- 2. Carefully cut the hands out of the paper.
- Decorate the hands with words, phrases, or verses.







- 4. Glue the hand prints onto the sides of the stick or tube.
- 5. Wave, shout "Hosanna," and enjoy!
- 6. Alternate: create a simple "palm branch" by cutting a large leaf shape out of green paper, trimming slits down the side, and adding a pipe cleaner handle.



## Craft Two: "Jerusalem-Bound Donkey"

#### You will need:

- Paper plates
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Clothespins
- Paper or felt
- String or ribbon

#### Procedure:

- 1. Fold the paper plate in half, in the shape of a taco
- Decorate the plate in "donkey" colors (gray, brown, etc.)
- Cut a paper, cardstock, or felt piece into the shape of a donkey head
- 4. Add extra decoration, saddle, hair and "tail", if desired.
- 5. Place clothespins on the underside of the plate to serve as the donkey's legs.







## Craft Three: "Last Supper Cup"

#### You will need:

- Paper or Styrofoam cups
- Stickers (optional)
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Construction paper

#### Procedure:

- 1. Decorate the cup with notes, stickers, or markers.
- 2. Trace a foot shape onto the construction paper.
- 3. Cut the foot out, and add a caption or verse to it.
- 4. Place the "foot" into the cup. Use as a reminder decoration, or miniature coin collector!









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