Celebrate Palm Sunday At Home!

Start with the readings below (or for kids use an age appropriate story Bible).

Using the craft ideas and/or song below or your own ideas, retell or act out the story in your families own words.

Things to discuss:

- When do we treat Jesus like the people in the story?
- Are there times you should praise Jesus, but don't?
- Did you Know that Zechariah wrote about "Palm Sunday" over 500 years before it actually happened to Jesus?
- Remind each other that many of this same crowd would be yelling "crucify Him" later in the week do we ever praise Jesus one time, then sin against Him not long after?
- Remember we do our best to always worship Him, but He loves and forgives us even when we fail.

End with prayer, such as:

Dear Jesus, Praise to you! You are our King and Savior! Help us to serve and worship you. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen

Resources:

Make palm branches from green paper & popsicle sticks or whatever you have at home. Or go outside and grab a pine branch. One idea...

Click here for Palm Sunday craft idea

http://www.michellepaigeblogs.com/2011/04/palm-sunday-craft.html?m=1

Wave your palm branches and sing to Jesus! A Palm Sunday song to sing...(Great for little ones <u>Click here for Palm Sunday song for kids</u>

https://youtu.be/Kht2SR8P0ko

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 NIV

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' " The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21:1-11 NIV