



Family Funday: Hosanna!



Let's Wave those Palms!

A brief history

When Jesus came into Jerusalem, "Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields." They kept crying out, "Hosanna!" (Mk 11:8-9)

Two thousand years later, we continue to welcome Jesus the same way. We receive leaves from palm trees and wave them in the air as we proclaim Christ as King.

Why palm branches? Why not streamers or confetti?

Palm trees grow in hot climates, just like Jerusalem's. They are so tall and strong that they were considered to be majestic. As a result, people would wave the branches out of respect to royalty. Waving the palms to Jesus means that the crowds were recognizing him as King.

Trivia question: what does "Hosanna" mean?

Hosanna in Greek means "save." By professing "Hosanna" to Christ, we are calling him our Savior!

Family Project: Let's weave those palms!

Over the years, it's become almost tradition to weave your palms into fun designs. Click on the link below for "how-to-do" instructions, then take a picture and share it with us in the office--we'd love to see your creativity!

6 Ways to Weave Palms from Palm Sunday: <https://www.mercyhome.org/blog/sunday-mass/how-to-weave-palms/>