

# **PALM SUNDAY**

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

### **ACCORDING TO MARK**

Today has a special name. In fact, it has two special names. Does anyone know one of them? It is called Palm Sunday because many churches remember the day that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for the last time before his death and resurrection. A crowd of people was waiting for him and waved palm leaves and were very happy to see him. (Describe your church's tradition of a procession.) It's hard to imagine that, just a short time after that wonderful welcome, Jesus would be killed. This day is also called Passion Sunday because many churches (including ours) tell the whole story about Jesus' suffering and death as a way to get ready for Holy Week. Holy Week is the week before Easter when we have special services for thinking about all that Jesus went through before his resurrection. On Thursday, we will have a service about the Last Supper. On Friday, we will have a service about Jesus' crucifixion. And, finally, late on Saturday night and/or on Sunday morning, we will have a big celebration about Jesus' resurrection. We are not going to have a Palm Sunday lesson today but we are going to have a Passion Sunday lesson. The word passion comes from an old Greek word that means to have strong feelings. We're going to read the passion story slowly and talk about the strong feelings that we can see in it.

To learn of Jesus' final days, read aloud the Passion story or take turns reading aloud the Passion Play - both are attached.

### **Reflection Questions:**

**How did Jesus feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did his disciples feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did the women who were watching feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

## **ACTIVITIES**



- 1. Prepare and eat a Seder meal to experience the “last supper” of Jesus (see attachment)**
- 2. Memorize the Sanctus - see attached**
- 3. Write a journal entry of how you might have felt if you were Jesus**
- 4. Bake a loaf of bread to give to a friend or neighbor.**