



# All Hands on Deck

## Jump In

At Jesus' time in history it was common for Roman rulers to ride into cities on large horses to demonstrate their military power. Similarly to Roman rulers, Jesus rode into the city on the back of an animal to show his status as a leader. Jesus, however, rode into the city on a donkey to demonstrate his humility. This action made a big statement to the people of Jerusalem; Jesus was a new and different kind of ruler! Jesus' life and ministry was filled with acts of humility. These acts of kindness, love, mercy, and humility that Jesus performed throughout his ministry set him apart as a different kind of leader than any of the Jews or Romans were used to. Jesus led by serving others. This new kind of leadership that Jesus demonstrated brought great amounts of excitement to people. It was with great excitement that Jesus was received as he rode into Jerusalem. We celebrate Jesus with the same excitement today!

## Dive Deeper Together

**Read Matthew 21:1-11 together in the Deep Blue Kids Bible.**  
**OR**

**Read "Hosanna!":** Jesus and the disciples set off towards Jerusalem. As they approached the city, Jesus asked two disciples to go and find a donkey for him to ride. The disciples did as Jesus asked and brought a donkey back for Jesus to ride. Before Jesus got on the donkey the disciples spread their coats across the back of the donkey. As Jesus rode into the city people spread palm branches and coats down across the road for Jesus to ride on. Jesus passed through the crowds and as he did they shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" and, "Blessings!" The whole city was brimming with excitement! When people asked who all the commotion was for, the disciples and the crowd responded, "The prophet Jesus."

## Grow Stronger Together

Spread clothing and blankets across an open living space in your family's home. Take this time to read "Hosanna!" together. Consider together why the people of Jerusalem covered the road that Jesus was riding in on.

## Pray Together

Share joys and concerns, and then say this prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us about mercy and humility. Give us opportunities to greet you with excitement everyday, not only on Palm Sunday. Amen.

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**Unit 2: Hosanna!**

**BV: "Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9)**

**AP: We celebrate Jesus.**

**Hosanna! (Matthew 21:1-11)**

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