

## In the Beginning Easter 1 – Activities

### Lesson Activities

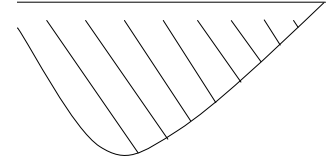
✓ **Craft:** Palm branches

As a reminder of how the people greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem, cut out palm branches.

Materials: bright green construction paper, paint stick or 2x 18" piece of cardboard folded lengthwise in half, scissors, glue sticks, masking tape

Preparation: Cut handles from cardboard. Score along line to fold.

Instructions: Fold paper in half, draw and cut out the palm frond. Glue the paint stick or cardboard to inside of the frond to strengthen it and make a handle. If you used the cardboard strip then wrap masking tape around the handle part.



✓ **Game:** Cloak relay

As a reminder that the people laid down their cloaks for Jesus to ride over, have a cloak relay.

Instructions: Divide the group into relay teams. Give each team two old dish towels or t-shirts to use as cloaks. Each player must lay down a "cloak" to step on each time he moves a foot and pick up the one he steps off of. Once a player reaches the finish line he can pick up his cloaks and run back to his team, giving them to the first person in line to start again. First team to have all players finish wins.

✓ **Discovery Activity:** Role Play

Instructions: Act out the triumphal entry with the children shouting and waving the oval fans they made saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

✓ **Song:** Praise Ye the Lord!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord!

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Repeat three times, with each verse getting faster