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## Family Devotional for Palm Sunday

1. Say, today is the week before Easter and what is known as “Palm Sunday”. It’s called “Palm Sunday” because it involves a story where palm branches were used as a King was coming to town. Before we learn about this story let’s each share what we imagine a parade today would look like for a King coming to town that everyone loved. (Have family members share)
2. Today we’re going to learn a story from the Bible found in Matthew 21: 1-9 that tells us about a King who was coming to town. (Click on link to play video clip) <https://vimeo.com/59691514>

### Activity

**Say,** “In our Bible story today, Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. The people celebrated His arrival waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” They were doing this and worshipping Him!”

- Brainstorm as a family ways that you could worship Jesus this week. (Examples: prayer walk around neighborhood praying for neighbors, putting on a worship song and worshipping to it together as a family, reading a Bible Story together, each person journaling a prayer to Jesus and then writing down what thoughts you sense He is saying back to you, give generously to someone God lays on your heart, etc.)
- Write ideas down on a paper and put in a place the family will see all throughout the week.
- Each night get out your paper and choose one of the ideas you came up with and spend time worshipping Jesus as a family.

### Object Lesson

**Supplies:** New shiny penny (1), old dirty penny (1), White vinegar (1/2 cup), table salt (2 teaspoons), non-metal bowl (1)

**Directions:** Pour a 1/2 cup of white vinegar and 2 teaspoons of salt in a non-metal bowl or container. Depending on the size of your container, you may want to multiply the recipe. Stir the mixture until the salt is partially dissolved. Have some paper towels nearby. Show your family a new, shiny penny alongside an old, tarnished one. Tell your family that the pennies remind us what sin does to our lives. The new penny is how God created us—perfect and without any blemishes. The old penny is what sin does to us—it covers us in darkness. Give the dirty penny to one of your children and have them put it

in the vinegar/salt mixture, then slowly count down from 10 before taking it out. Finally, rinse and rub the penny clean under running water.

**Say:** “Jesus knew as he entered Jerusalem in our Bible Story today what would be happening him just a few short days later but he came anyway. As we think about Easter it is a reminder to us that Jesus came into this world to die in our place so we could have forgiveness for sins. This penny experiment can remind us how we used to be dirty with sin (just like the dirty penny), but then Jesus sacrificed His body and shed His blood so that anyone who follows Him will have their sins washed clean (kind of like the penny got all washed clean of the grime and dirt when we dipped it into the solution). Let’s remember this week as we approach Easter what Jesus went through and did for us so that we can be made clean! Thank you Jesus!”

**Close in prayer**

