Practice for Palm Sunday

Acclaim (Hosanna)

Hold one of the palm branches.

Have a person in your group read the story: “Waving Palms”.

Wave the palms.

I wonder what it would feel like to have people shouting and calling you special, wonderful names?

I wonder what it would be like to be the center of attention?

Are you disappointed that Jesus did not call out for the excited crowd to follow him?

Google Easter Palms Images or view “if the world was a village” by Shelagh Armstrong. Do you see Jesus anywhere?

Holy Week starts with celebration and excitement.

Waving Palms

Luke 19:29-40; Mark 11:1-10

Jesus was now almost to Jerusalem.

When Jesus and the ones who walked with him came to the Mount of Olives Jesus sent two disciples to the nearby village.

Jesus said, “Go to the village. There you will find a donkey tied up.

Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you why you are untying it, you will say ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

So the disciples left.
They found the donkey, just as Jesus said.

When the owner asked why they were untying the donkey the disciples said, “The Lord has need of it.”

They brought the donkey back to Jesus.

The disciples laid their coats on the donkey and then put Jesus on the donkey.

They even put some of their coats on the road in front of the donkey.

As they came into Jerusalem other people joined them.

They praised God and shouted their joy.

Some of them broke branches off the palm trees and waved them and laid the branches in the street.

They shouted, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna!”

Some of the Pharisees didn’t like what they saw and heard.

They told Jesus to make his followers be silent.

But Jesus said, “I tell you, if these people were quiet, even the stones would cry out.”

And Jesus was finally in Jerusalem.