

# EASTER

hopetown at home



## Palm Sunday: April 5th

Read John 12:12-16

(in hopetown we use the NIRV translation or choose another easy translation for your child to understand)

When Jesus entered Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast with His disciples, people were so excited to see Jesus! People lined the streets and were waving palm branches in their hands saying, "Hosanna!" which means 'save us'. Everyone was talking about Jesus being in Jerusalem, He was so popular and loved by a lot of people. People were smiling, cheering and laughing as Jesus rode on a donkey along the street. It was like a giant party. As people were celebrating, Jesus knew why He was in Jerusalem, and that was to go to the cross so all our sins would be forgiven. Today people still receive palm branches on Palm Sunday as a way to remember Jesus entering Jerusalem and what would happen to Him that week.

As a family pray together thanking God for sending the world Jesus and what that means to your family.

### Family Activity: Jesus Is

Have your family choose a word that finishes this sentence: Jesus Is... Some examples could be love, hope, peace. Draw the word in bubble letters on the largest piece of paper you have and cut the letters, so you see the outline of the word. (You could make a few posters)

Have family members stand in front of a bright light (sunshine) holding the poster to create a shadow. Take a photo of each person's shadow. Post the photo on social media too as a reminder to everyone that hope always remains in Jesus.