

Today I learned... Jesus gives us new life.

Help me learn this:

Believing in Jesus makes me a new person
(adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:17).

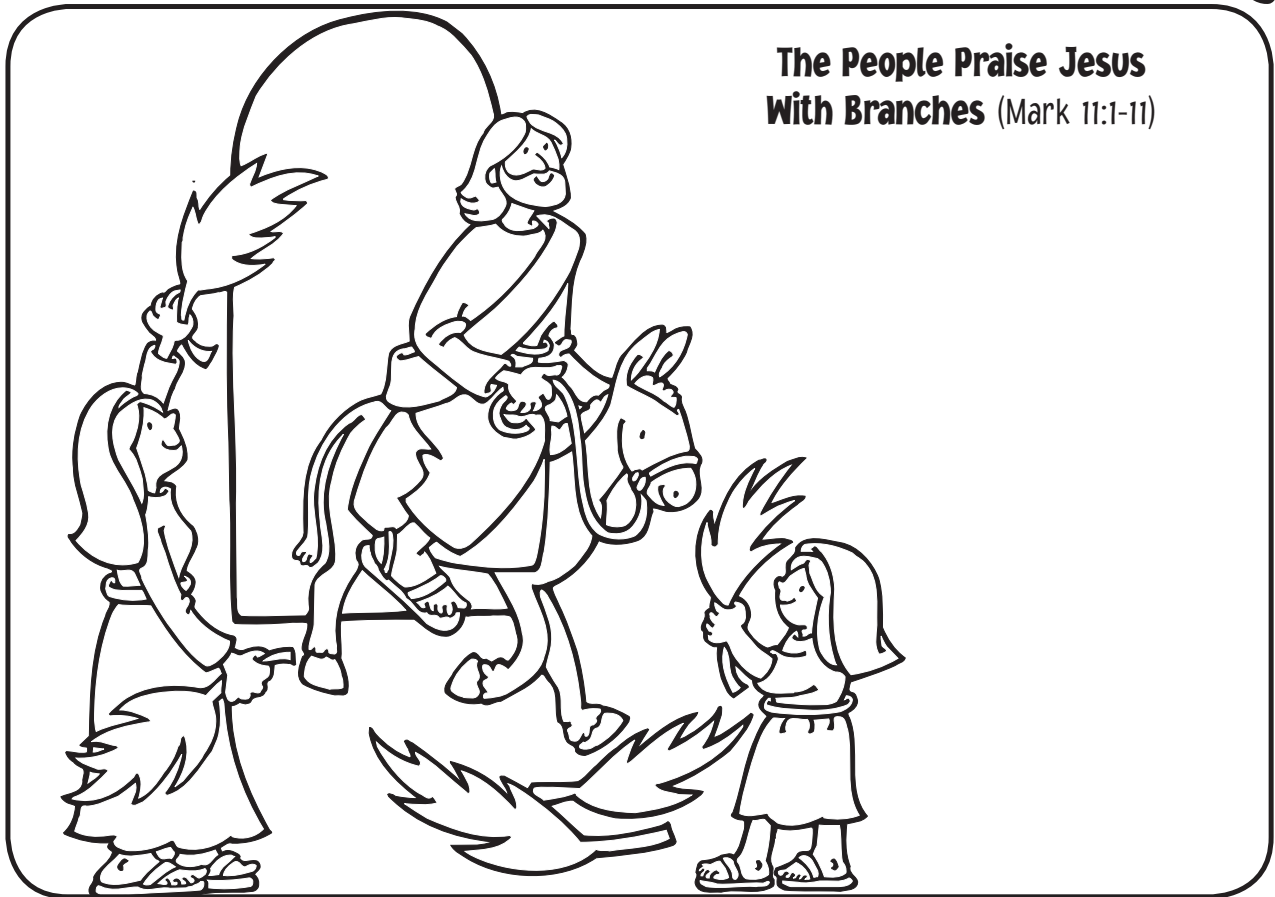
Ask me:

- Why was everyone happy when Jesus came to town?
- What did the people do as Jesus rode into town?
- How can our family praise Jesus together?

Family Fun

- Take your child on a walk and look for a tree that's budding or has tiny new leaves. Point out that the tree is growing leaves on its branches. Remind your child that the people who greeted Jesus waved tree branches to show they loved him. Show your child how to imitate a tree growing leaves as you fold your arms into your chest and then slowly spread your arms out wide and wave them in praise to Jesus. Talk about the new life that Jesus brings.
- Have your child get down on hands and knees and pretend to be the donkey Jesus rode. Lay down a path of soft blankets to cushion the "donkey's" journey. Talk about the fact that people who were happy to see Jesus laid their coats on the road to welcome him.

Lesson 5
Today your child learned that we praise Jesus because **JESUS GIVES US NEW LIFE**. Children heard how people praised Jesus with branches. They waved pretend branches and praised Jesus, too.



**The People Praise Jesus
With Branches** (Mark 11:1-11)