**Palm Sunday** marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey just days before his crucifixion. (You can read the story from Matthew 21:1-11)

The Bible tells us that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and when He entered the city, the people covered the ground with their cloaks and palm branches shouting, "Hosanna!"

Today, we are sharing two paper palm leaf crafts for your kids to help them remember this weekend's Bible story about Palm Sunday at home.

## Paper Strip Palm Branch Craft

The first palm branch craft will require help from an adult to cut the paper strips. If your children are older, this is something they could do on their own.



Supplies

- Green construction paper if you have it. (Any color paper will work too).
- Glue
- Wooden craft sticks, or any small branch stick from a tree will do the trick.
- Scissors

Directions: Using your scissors, cut strips of green paper. I used a half sheet of construction paper and got 4 palm branches. Cut the paper strips around 1/2 inch wide and then in half again. Let your child add glue to the craft sticks and stick the "branches" (green paper strips) on. We used 3-4 strips to be the right amount for the craft.

Once the glue dries, practice waving your palm branches! Encourage your children to say: "Hosanna!" as they wave their palm branches.

## Paper Palm Branch Craft – Scissors Practice for Kids

This next version of the Palm Sunday craft requires an adult to cut out the shape of the palm leaf, but children will enjoy getting to use scissors to make their own palm branches.



Supplies

- Green construction paper (any color paper will work)
- Glue
- Wooden craft sticks
- Kids' Scissors

Directions: Cut a palm branch shape from green construction paper. (Basically an oval with a little point on the end.) Easiest thing to do is to fold the paper in half before cutting to make sure it's symmetrical. We used 1/2 sheet of construction paper per craft. You don't want them too big for your craft sticks. Use your craft sticks/branch stick as a guide for what fits best. Next, have the children cut little slits around the perimeter of the leaf using child-safe scissors. Use glue to put glue onto the craft stick and stick it on your palm leaf. Once the glue dries, practice waving your palm branch. Have fun!



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