

STEP ONE: Watch the EC video at hillsideonline.com/kids

STEP TWO: Repeat the
verse
twice with the motions!

"Love each other

(hug yourself)

as I

(point up)

have loved you."

(point thumbs to chest)

John 15:12

(open hands like a book)

STEP THREE: Have fun with the activity "Yay, Jesus!"

What you need:

Tissue, scarf, paper plate (or any item that can be a pretend leaf)

What you do:

Give your child a pretend leaf and line up for a parade throughout your home. March around waving your leaves in the air and shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!" Take turns with your child leading the parade.


Say, "We're going to celebrate Jesus like they did in our Bible story! Lots of people celebrated Jesus in our Bible story today. They wanted to celebrate Jesus because of the way He loved people and could do amazing things that no one else could do. When they heard that Jesus was coming, they waved palm branches in the air and said, 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!'"

Let's have our own parade and celebrate Jesus! Here we go! (Walk and cheer together.) Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus! Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!" (Continue as long as the children are having fun and time allows.)

* the Bible story for this week is Matthew 21:1-16

STEP FOUR: Pray together as a family!

"Dear God, we want to celebrate Jesus every day by doing what He told us to do and love people the way He loves us. Please help us to love each other the way Jesus loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



STEP FIVE: Encourage your child to draw a picture of coats and leaves!

STEP SIX: Remind them that the people spread coats on the road and waved leaves in the air to celebrate Jesus, because they thought He was special.