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### Hear It

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, crowds cheered and shouted. When you hear a group of people making loud noise, pray, "Thank you, Jesus, for loving me SOOO much!"



### Talk About It

1. Jesus was very brave. He trusted God to know the right thing to do. Have you ever had to be brave? Tell about a time you had to be brave to do the right thing.
2. It's not always easy to do the right thing. Tell about a time when doing the right thing was hard.
3. Has someone you trust ever betrayed you? Were you able to forgive that person, like Jesus was able to forgive Judas?
4. Talk about how the disciples might have felt during the Last Supper.



### Live It

**For families to do together:** Make a forgiveness jar by decorating the outside of a clean food jar with paper, glue, and ribbon. Keep the jar in your living room or kitchen with paper nearby. Whenever someone in your family feels they need forgiveness, they can write their feelings on a piece of paper and drop it in the jar. When they do, they can ask God for forgiveness through Jesus.

**For preschool kids:** Make palm leaves from construction paper. Parade around your house or yard with them to show excitement about Jesus.



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