



Hosanna in the Highest

Matthew 21–23; Mark 11; Luke 19–20; John 12

Objectives:

- Discuss ways we can show our love for Jesus Christ through obedience and respect.
- Talk about the importance of a reverent attitude.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Reverence
- Obedience

This Lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.

Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: “Reverence is Love” Children’s Songbook page 31
If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/reverence-is-love>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Matthew 21:9

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Video Clip: Watch a clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library, *The Messiah Comes* (The Dramatized New Testament). You can find the clip at
<https://www.livingscriptures.com/the-lesson-hosanna-in-the-highest>



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

Lesson

Summary: During the beginning of the last week of the Savior's life, He traveled to Jerusalem for Passover. Those who recognized Jesus as their King showed reverence for Him by putting their clothes and palm branches along His path and shouting praises. We can show reverence and love for Jesus Christ today by being obedient, respectful, and sincere in our desires to follow Him.

Jesus taught a story about a man who had two sons. The man asked his sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first one said no, he wouldn't go and work. That son later repented and went and worked in the vineyard. The second son said he would go and work. That son did not go and work in the vineyard. Which son did as his father asked? (Matthew 21:28-32) Jesus taught us that even if we don't do the right thing at first, we can repent - and if we promise to do something, we should keep our promise. Being obedient is one way we show our love for God.

Jesus also taught us that we should show respect to God by taking care of sacred things. Jesus cast out people who were buying and selling in the temple. They were not showing respect in one of the holiest of places. Showing respect for the temple by keeping ourselves worthy before we enter, and by taking care of the building and its grounds are ways we can show respect and love for God.

We can also have a reverent attitude in our church meetings, or when studying the gospel at home. Reverence is much more than being quiet. When we feel reverence in our hearts, we want to be obedient, kind, and thoughtful to show our love for Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father.

Points to

Ponder:

How can we show reverence and love for Jesus Christ? (Discuss ideas.)

How can we show sincere repentance and obedience? (Discuss ideas.)

How do we show reverence and respect for the temple? (Discuss ideas.)

What does it mean to have a reverent attitude? (Discuss ideas.)

How does a reverent attitude affect your behavior? (Discuss ideas.)

How do you feel inside when you are reverent? (Discuss ideas.)

Quote:

“The scriptures remind us constantly of the goodness that is centered in the heart. Those who put on an appearance only to receive the honors of men, but have unclean hearts, are called hypocrites. It is not enough to behave reverently; we must feel in our hearts reverence for our Heavenly Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Reverence flows from our admiration and respect for Deity. Those who are truly reverent are those who have paid the price to know the glory of the Father and His Son.”

L. Tom Perry



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of “Showing Reverence” activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, marker.

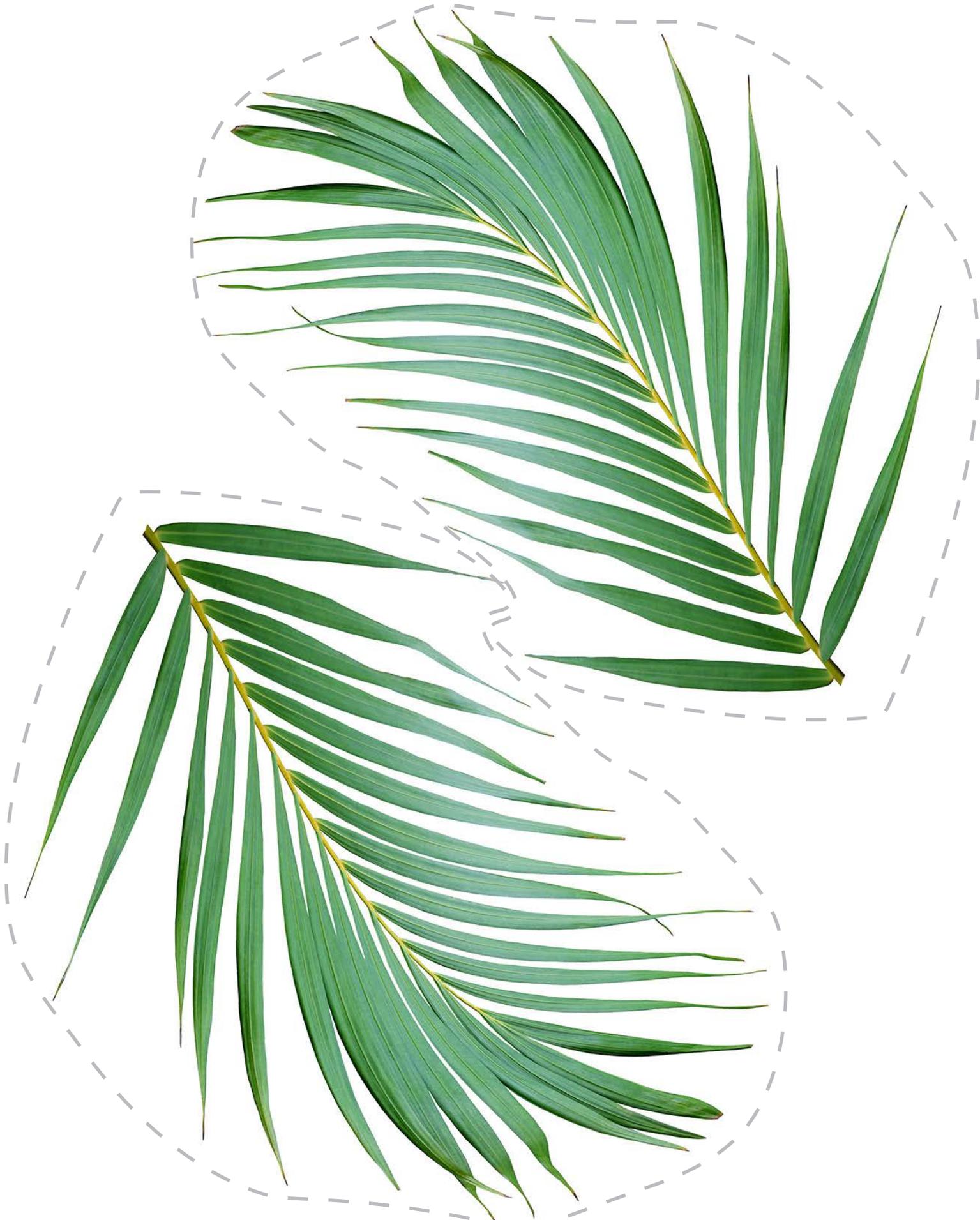
Preparation

1. **Print** out one sheet of palm leaves for each family member. (Each person should have two leaves.)
2. **Cut** along dotted lines.

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. **Read:** “On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.” (John 12:12-13)
2. **Ask:** Why do you think the people used palm leaves to cover Jesus’s path? (Discuss ideas.)
3. **Ask:** What are some ways we can show love and reverence for Jesus? (Discuss ideas.)
4. Have each person write one way they can show love, respect, and reverence for Jesus and Heavenly Father on each palm leaf.
5. Take turns reading what is written on the leaves and making a path on the floor.
6. Bear testimony of the importance of showing love and reverence for God.







Treat Time

Approximate Time: 65 minutes

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cooling Time: 10 minutes

Reverence Hearts

Ingredients

3 T butter

6 oz marshmallows (1/2 bag)

dash of salt

1 tsp. vanilla

3 cups crisp rice cereal

Sprinkles (optional)



Lightly coat a sheet of wax paper with cooking spray and set aside. Lightly coat a heart shaped cookie cutter with cooking spray also and set aside. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Add marshmallows and a dash of salt and stir until marshmallows are melted. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Add cereal and stir until coated. Drop a large spoonful of cereal mixture on the prepared wax paper and place the cookie cutter around it. Firmly press cereal mixture into cookie cutter to shape into a heart. Remove any excess. Continue with remaining cereal mixture. Makes 6-8 hearts depending on thickness of cookie cutter.

Treat Time: Let children decorate hearts with sprinkles if desired. Remind them that reverence comes from our hearts. Reverence is much more than being quiet, it's a feeling of love for Jesus and Heavenly Father.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.