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☆Let's Talk

SAY Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. The picture shows that the people waved leafy branches and laid down their coats to honor Jesus.

ASK *What do you think the people said?*

SAY They said, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Jesus is God's King, who came to deliver his people from the kingdom of sin and death. He is our Savior and he is our King.

ASK *How can we show that he is our King?*

SAY We show that he is our King when we trust him, praise him, and obey his Word.

☆Let's Do

- 1 Seat the children in a circle. Divide the circle in half.
- 2 Give each child on the left side of the circle a sheet of **brown construction paper**. Explain that the brown paper stands for coats and that the name of their team is *Coats*.
- 3 Give each child on the right side of the circle a sheet of **green construction paper**. Explain that the green paper stands for leafy branches and that the name of their team is *Leafy Branches*.
- 4 Tell teams that you will say something from the Bible story. When they hear you say the name of their team, they are to hold up their papers.
- 5 Say each of the following sentences slowly and give teams time to respond.
 - The disciples put their coats on the donkey's back to make a saddle for Jesus.
 - Jesus sat on the coats covering the donkey's back and rode into Jerusalem.
 - When the people saw Jesus coming, they began spreading their coats along the road.
 - Some people cut leafy branches from the trees.
 - They put the leafy branches on the road.
 - The people used their coats and leafy branches to honor King Jesus!

☆Let's Make and Praise

Outline in large letters *We Praise King Jesus* on a length of **shelf paper** to make a banner. Have the children color the letters and decorate the banner with **glitter glue** and **praise stickers**. Let the children hold up the banner and march around as they say, "We praise King Jesus!"