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Craft 1: Fruity palm tree



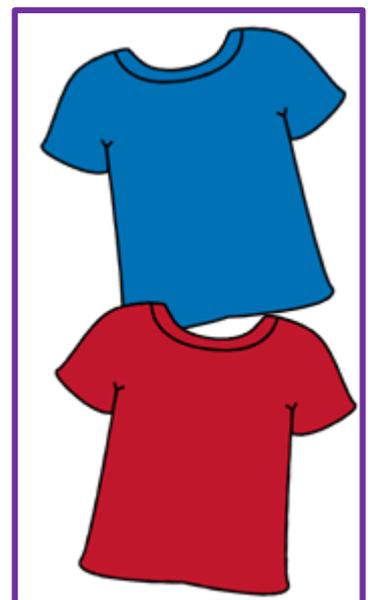
Create a palm tree on a plate: first slice a banana lengthways, then place half on the plate for the trunk. Slice the trunk in to chunks to create a palm bark effect. Then make branches from segments of apple. Sprinkle rice cereal to look like sand at the base to look like sand.

People cut down palm branches and laid them across Jesus' path or wave them in the air as he entered Jerusalem.

Activity 1:

You will need: fabric you don't mind standing on e.g. old t-shirts, pillow cases. Using just two or three pieces of fabric can you get your whole family from one side of the room to the other? You are only allowed to stand on the fabric and not touch the floor. You will need to work as a team standing on one piece while you move the other.

Use this as a reminder of the clothes that the people put down for Jesus to walk on.





Craft 2: Butterfly prayers

Using the butterfly templates, write your name and decorate the butterflies. Write a thank-you prayer to Jesus on the back.

Mary was surprised when Jesus appeared to her and called her by name. Jesus calls us by name, too. He knows us, even when we may not recognise him. The butterfly has also emerged from an empty tomb, or chrysalis, and is a reminder to us of the new life we have through Jesus.

Activity 2: A Virtual Mexican Wave

We might not be able to meet up with people but we can send a wave of encouragement and pray for others. Why not start your own virtual Mexican wave of encouragement. Video call another family and give them a big encouraging smile and wave. Take a moment to pray for them and then ask them to send the wave on to another family. How far will your prayer wave travel? Maybe it will even come back to you!

