



Sunday, April 10, 2022  
Palm Sunday \* John 12:1-8



## What's the Big Idea?

### I Speak Up and Tell the Truth

Jesus was ready to go to Jerusalem for the Passover, a Jewish holiday celebrating the story of God's people leaving the bounds of slavery in Egypt; so he asked his disciples to bring him a donkey to ride into the city. They brought him a donkey and threw their coats on its back like a saddle. As Jesus began riding into the city, a whole crowd of followers came and spread their coats on the ground in front of Jesus. They sang loudly, shouting "Bless the one who comes in God's name! Peace in heaven and glory all around!"



Some of the religious leaders thought this parade was too loud and too disruptive. They scolded Jesus, saying, "Tell your followers to stop!" But Jesus told them, "You can't silence the truth. Even if all of these people were silent, the stones themselves would shout out."

God gives us many ways our voices as well as bodies to speak up and tell the truth.

### Read It

Find this week's story on page 454 of your Spark Story Bible.



### Talk About It

Why do you think the religious leaders wanted the parade to stop?

What do you think Jesus meant when he said the stones would shout out?

Have you ever felt like someone wanted you to stay quiet instead of telling the truth?

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for giving us many ways to speak. Help us to use our voices and bodies to speak up and tell the truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Try It

Head outside and collect a variety of stones. Then, create a tower of stones to remind you to always speak the truth. What are your stones saying?



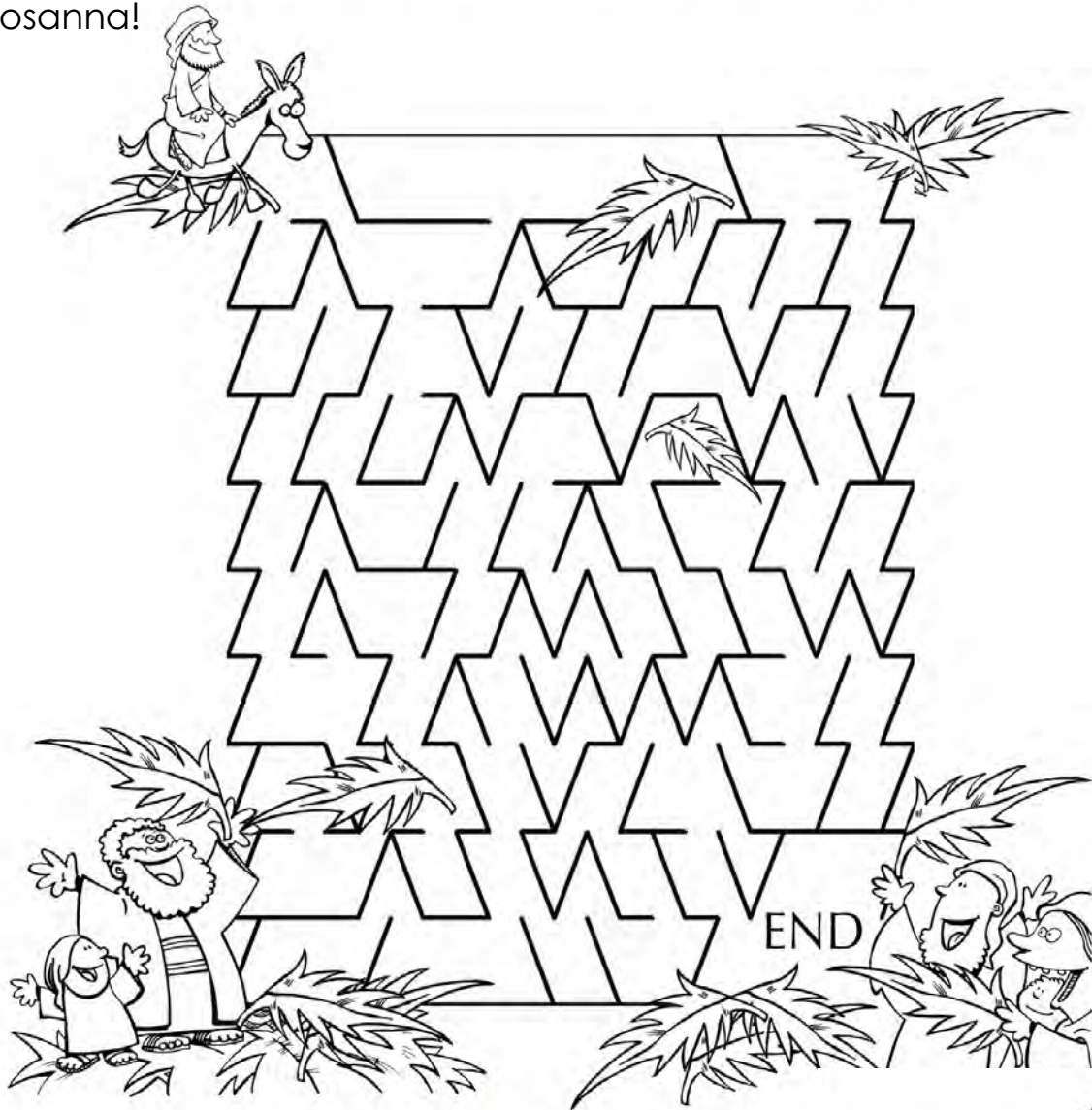
### Affirm It

Throughout Lent, enjoy a weekly affirmation for reflection.  
What does it mean to you?

**I speak up and tell the truth.**

# I Speak Up and Tell the Truth

**Palm Sunday Parade.** Help Jesus find his way through the crowds of people singing Hosanna!



Suddenly, they found themselves in a parade! People were singing and shouting, "Hosanna!"

