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Reflections on Palm Sunday



Easter as Transformation

One of the things that I was reminded of this Easter season was the idea that God transforms the ordinary “stuff” of our lives into something amazing. The cross that the children decorated as part of their Palm Sunday activities served as a beautiful visual reminder of this. That cross was made of cardboard, string, tape and colored paper, completely ordinary things. When it was assembled it was transformed to a beautiful symbol of the new life that springs up in Easter and the joy that is present when we remember the resurrection and God’s love for us. Just as those ordinary materials were transformed into something beautiful, so does God transform our ordinary lives and actions into something that can reflect God’s love and glory in all that we do.

-Pastor Emma

The 1st - 3rd Grade Class

During the Palm Sunday activities, the 1st thru 3rd grade class used their Bibles to sort out cards which had the events of Holy Week on them. Some of the events of Holy week were easy to put in order, such as Palm Sunday coming first and the crucifixion and resurrection coming last. The order of the other events weren’t as clear and the students had to investigate stories in the books of Mark and John to figure out in what order Jesus shared the Holy meal, washed feet and Judas betrayed Jesus.

The Pre-K and K Class

One of the things about the Pre-K and K class that stands out the most is the amount of love and care that they have for the people, things, and situations around them. One of the stations that this age level participated in on Palm Sunday was making cards for the church’s homebound members and friends. They showed God’s love to these members and friends by carefully choosing and placing stickers and coloring Easter scenes - spreading Easter joy.



The 4th - 5th Grade Class

A special thank you goes out to the 4th-5th grade class for their leadership on Palm Sunday! Students in this class had several leadership roles on Palm Sunday - serving as performers in our drama, as well as, being enthusiastic role models for the younger children on how to wave their palm branches during both the processional and the drama.

Youth Sunday School

The youth had a busy Palm Sunday too, preparing for the various Easter Egg Hunts. From stuffing the eggs to finding just the perfect hiding space for each of the eggs, the youth helped bring the Easter Egg Hunts to life and made it a joy filled event for all.

Although the other ages got a break from Sunday school on Easter Sunday, the youth had a full morning preparing and serving their Easter Breakfast Fundraiser, which provided fellowship time and helped raise funds for their 2017 Mission Trip. Several of the youth also provided leadership for the Sunrise Service, reading scriptures and prayers.