

# Family Page

This is the holiest week of the year, a time to think about the deepest mystery of our faith, that our God was willing to suffer a cruel death for love of us. Since Palm Sunday marks the day when the people sang praise to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, a day of triumph, we might think about celebrating with a Palm Sunday party. You can invite friends and relatives and have everyone bring something to add to the dinner, or you can plan and prepare a festive meal just for the family. Have the children make palm-tree cards from Easter candy in advance (see recipe below). This family project can be as exciting as making Christmas cookies.



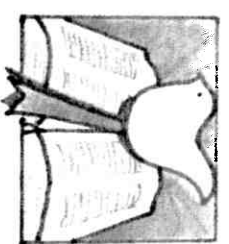
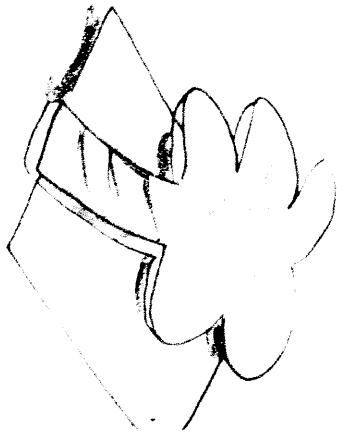
## EASTER CANDY

- Mix together thoroughly:**
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar
  - 1/3 cup soft butter or margarine
  - 1/3 cup corn syrup
  - A few drops of flavoring

**Knead the candy until it is soft and pliable.**

Divide the candy into two portions — the size of the portions will depend on the number of place cards you will need. (Leftover fondant can be stored in a tightly covered bowl in the refrigerator for several weeks.) Using food coloring, color one portion green and the other portion brown. Each tree needs about two teaspoons of fondant — one of green and one of brown.

Shape fondant into palm trees on small white cards. The trees should dry in place. Using a table knife, draw parallel horizontal lines in the trunk of the trees and lines down the middle of the palms. Allow them to dry. After they have dried, put names on the place cards. Below each name, write the thing you like best about that person.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

April 1, 2007 ■ Passion (Palm) Sunday ■ Luke 22:14—23:56

## JESUS OUR KING



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people all hailed him as their King. Using the following color key, color this picture of Jesus to hang in your room.

- 1 = Brown; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Green; 4 = Blue; 5 = Red; 6 = Flesh

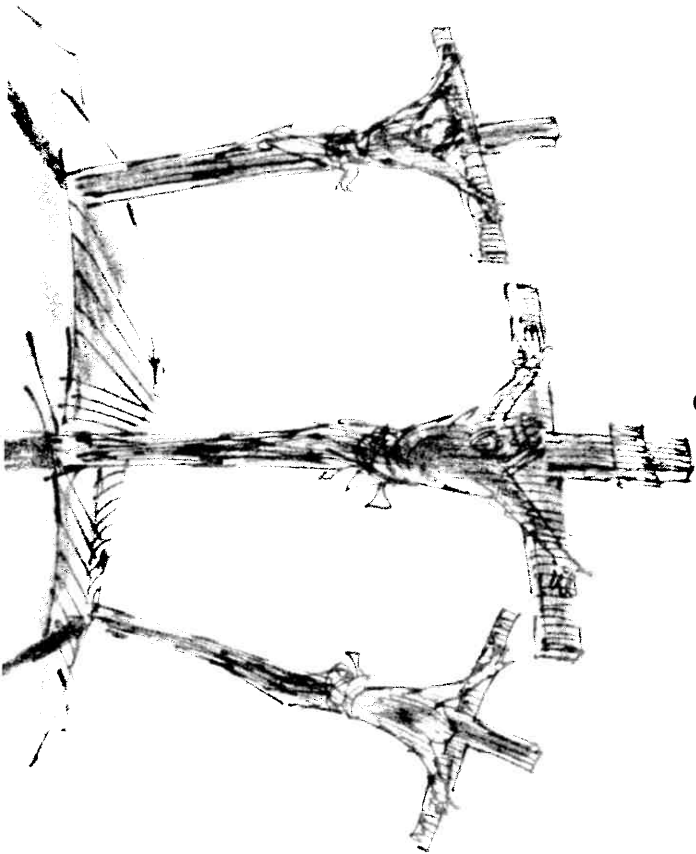
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# JESUS CHRIST: King of the Jews

This week's gospel story is a very sad story. The soldiers make fun of Jesus and crown him with thorns. Jesus walks the long, long road that leads to the hill of Calvary, carrying his heavy cross. Finally he is nailed to the cross and dies.

Why did these terrible things have to happen to Jesus? Jesus is GOD, yet he died on that awful cross. WHY?

Because Jesus knew that all his suffering would lead to the Easter miracle. He would suffer and he would die — then he would go to his Father, where nothing could hurt him again. He knew that after his suffering he would come back to us. He died so his Spirit would come and never leave us again.

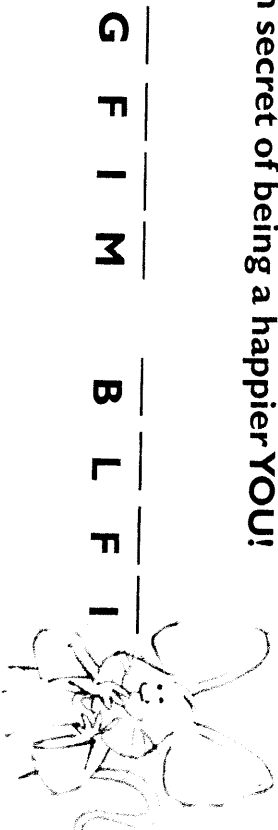


When you are hurt or feeling bad, or when someone is mean to you, remember Jesus. He will help you to be strong. That's the wonderful Easter secret!

Jesus is alive forever!

## The Christian's S . E . C . R . E . T

Using the key below, see if you can decode the Christian secret of being a happier YOU!



     G      F      I      M      B      L      F      I

     U      I      L      D      M      H

     R      M      G      L      H      N      R      O      V      H

Key

B = Y	H = S	N = M	T = G
D = W	I = R	O = L	U = F
F = U	L = O	R = I	V = E
G = T	M = N	S = H	