

# Go Bananas!

## Shout Hosannas!

**Most parades take tons of preparation and practice.** But the big parade in this story came together in a few seconds. Grown-ups and kids joined in, doing whatever they could to celebrate this one-float parade—Jesus riding into Jerusalem. He rode on a young donkey, a colt that had never been ridden before. People were going bananas and shouting hosannas all over the place.

**Hosanna** is a Hebrew word of praise that means “save us now.” Some people spread their coats on the road. Others cut leafy branches off trees to wave in the air or spread on the road. This was the Son of God they were excited about. It’s the same Jesus who came to save you from your sins so he can take you to heaven someday. So go ahead. Go bananas and shout a few hosannas!

### Key Verse

*Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God (**Hosanna!**) Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

Mark 11:8-9

### Click

Your child will now be able to say the meaning of this Bible verse in their own words.

### Stick

The life application meaning of this verse is tied to the image of a **banana**.

### Clicker: Banana

Whenever you see, peel, or think about a *banana*, let this HoneyWord slip through your mind as it clicks and sticks.



### Read Mark 11:8-9

### Make-it-Stick

Hold a banana up to your mouth and pretend that it's a microphone. Shout this HoneyWord out loud three times. After your third hosanna, peel your banana and enjoy eating it.

### Everyone Take Turns Explaining the Meaning of this Lesson in Your Own Words

Ask, “What does this lesson mean?” If the answer is in the ballpark of the correct meaning, praise that person out loud. Then ask another child to explain it. Do this 2 or 3 times in a row.

### Hold Up the Clicker

Hold up the Click-er (banana) and say this HoneyWord Lesson out loud:

“Go bananas! Shout hosannas!”

Then repeat it out loud together one more time.

### Pair Up in Small Groups of Two

If you're with more than one child, have your children pair up and ask each other to say the lesson out loud to each other.

### Re-Group and Recite Again

Ask one child to say the lesson one more time, and then explain what it means.

### Discuss How This Truth Applies to Your Everyday Life