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Welcome Mat – Craft

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. Color and cut out the Welcome Mat to help you remember to welcome others.



4B

Greeting Jesus – Journaling

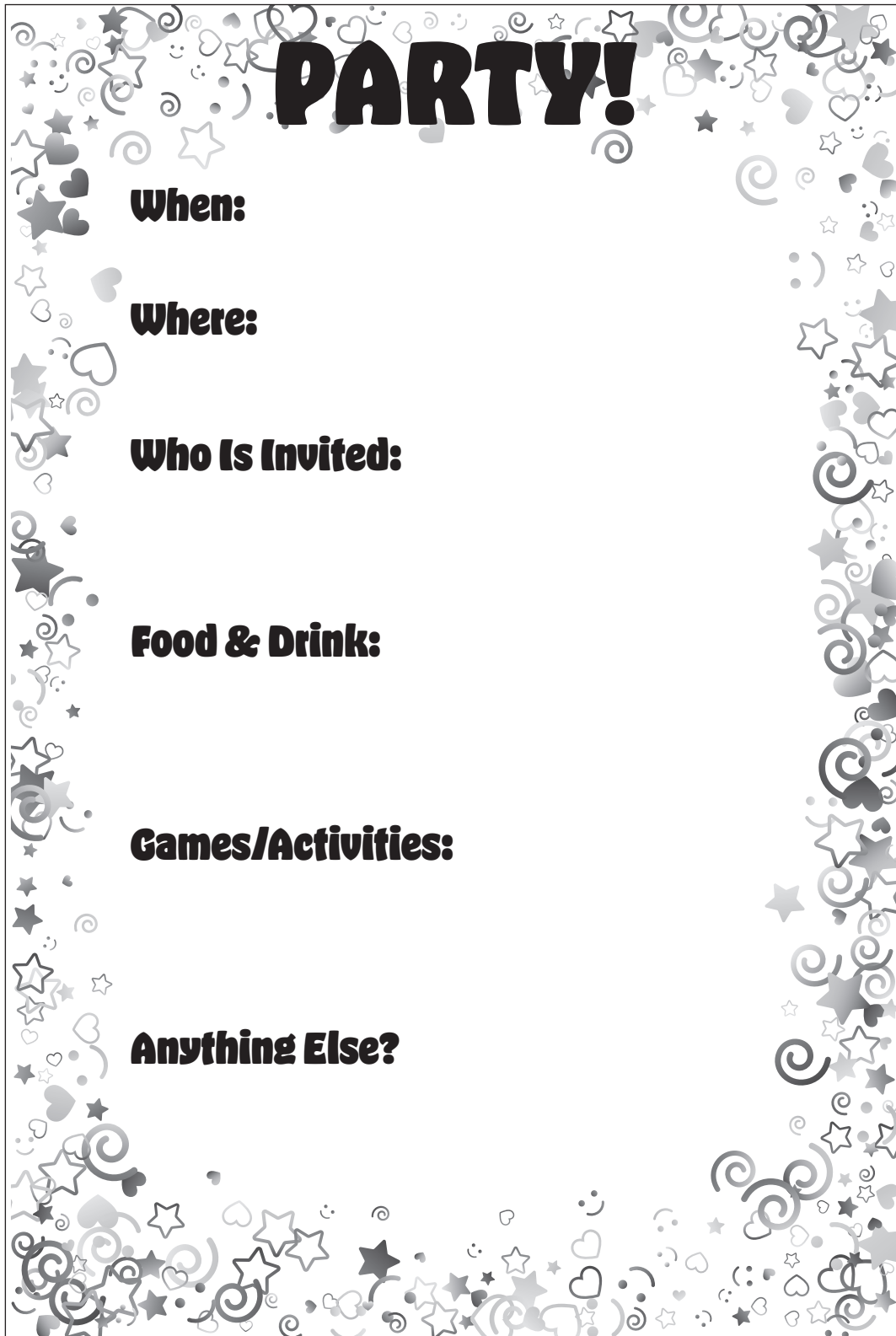
How would you welcome Jesus? Write or draw about it below.



4C

A Modern Welcome – Activity

How would we welcome Jesus today? Imagine Jesus was coming to your church, neighborhood, or community. Use this page to plan a modern welcome.



PARTY!

When:

Where:

Who Is Invited:

Food & Drink:

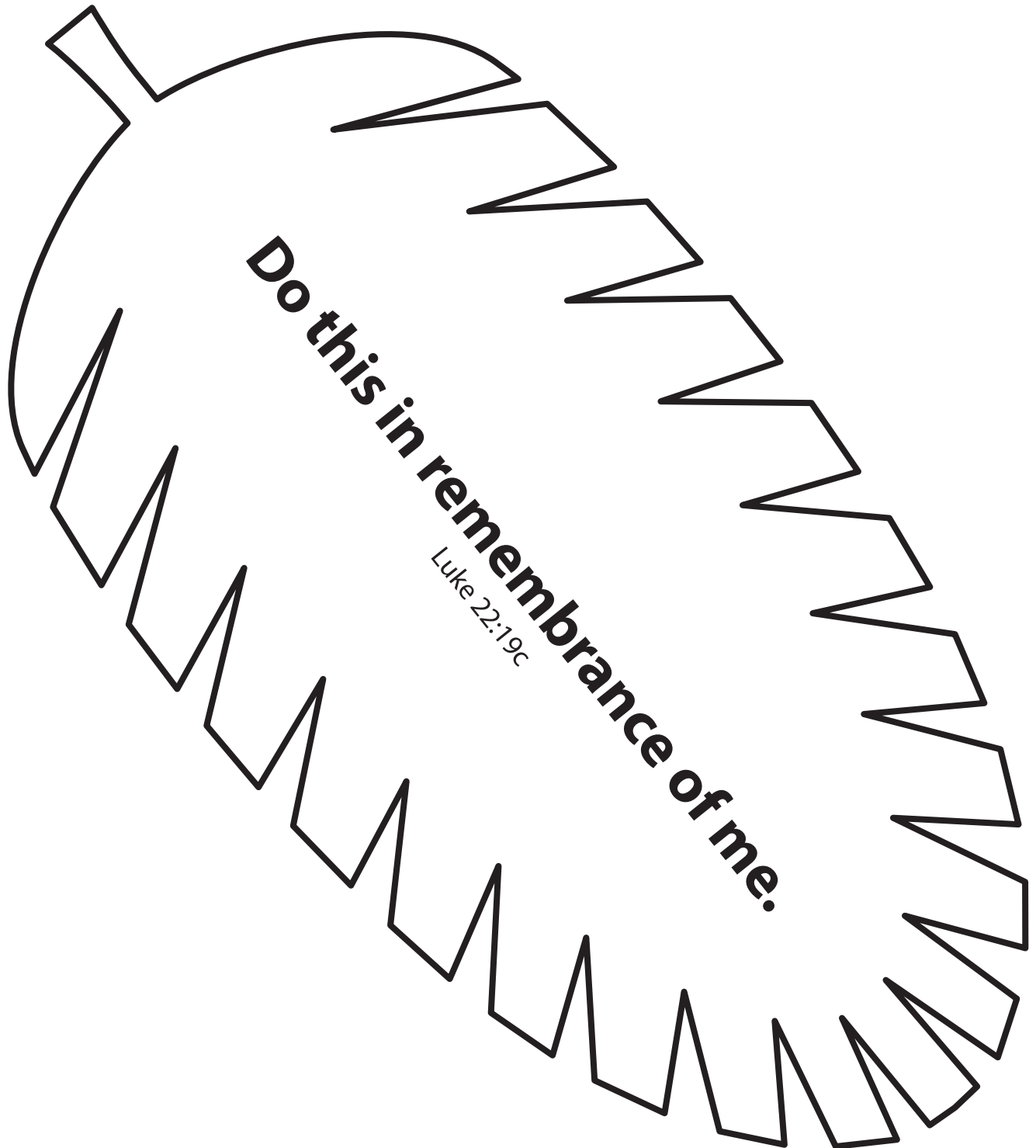
Games/Activities:

Anything Else?

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Bible Branch – Craft

Color and cut out the palm branch. Attach the palm branch to a craft stick with tape or glue. Use the palm branch during the session to help you remember the Bible verse.



4E

Welcome Rituals – Activity

Use the cards to help you remember the special welcome rituals you create with your friends.

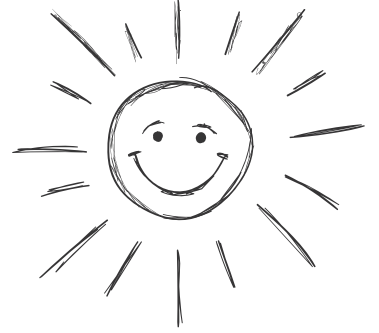
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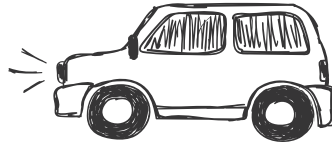
Neighborhood Chalk Messages – At-Home Activity

Grab some sidewalk chalk and decorate your neighborhood with the suggested messages below. Or, think of other messages you can share with the people in your neighborhood.

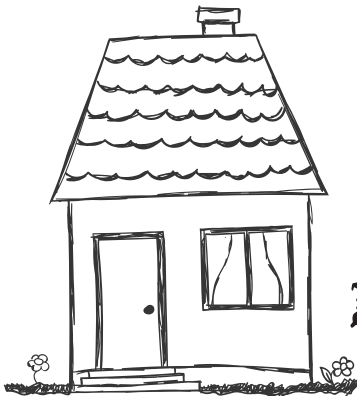
Jesus loves you.



You are amazing!



You are known and loved.



All are welcome here.

4G

Jesus Enters Jerusalem – Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus was traveling with his disciples to Jerusalem. When they arrived in the city, Jesus had a job for his disciples.

Jesus said, "Go into the nearby village. When you get there, you will see a donkey and her baby tied up. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them."

The disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do. They brought the donkey and the colt. They placed their coats on them for Jesus to sit on.

A very large crowd had gathered and spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Some of the people went ahead of him, and some followed. They all shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. The people asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story together.

Wonder: Why is this story important? Why do we need to remember it?

Do: Find a palm branch (or any kind of branch) and sit in a circle as a family. Pass the branch around the circle and give each person a chance to finish the phrase "Jesus is...." Share who Jesus is to you.

Pray: Dear God, help us to welcome others like Jesus. Be with us during this Holy Week. Amen.

