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## From Palm To Ash

**Directions:** Read the story below about what happens to palm leaves after Palm Sunday. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Last year on Palm Sunday, Mia held a green palm leaf high as she sang in church. After the celebration, the priest carefully collected the dried palm leaves. Months later, before Ash Wednesday, the leaves were burned in a special fire. The smoke rose high, and the ashes turned soft and gray. These ashes were then used to make small crosses on people's foreheads. Mia smiled when she realized that the same palms from last year helped begin Lent this year.



### Questions:

1. What did Mia hold during Palm Sunday?

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2. What happened to the palm leaves after the celebration?

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3. What were the ashes used for on Ash Wednesday?

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4. How did Mia feel when she learned what the ashes were made from?

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