# Notes From Nazareth

During the closing Hometown Huddle, ask a Tribe to bring their Bleeding Paper to the closing Celebration and explain what they learned to the large group.



people wanted to sing their favorite songs. Allow time for requests!



Check to see if Tribe members have invited guests to the closing Celebration. If so, ask them to introduce their guests and explain how they shared their faith in God's true Son, Jesus.

# Day 4 Closing Celebration

### 1. Welcome everyone back.



Encourage everyone to join in singing "God With Us." (Words and motions are on page 48.)

Say: Jesus came from heaven to earth for all of us. God wants all of us to believe in his Son, Jesus. Jesus is more than just the kid next door in Hometown Nazareth. Jesus is God's true Son. Let's sing a song of praise to God's Son, Jesus.

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Lead everyone in singing "Fairest Lord Jesus." (Words and motions are on page 57.)

### 2. Review the day.

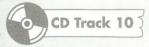
Say: Today we learned that Jesus went to the Temple—which is like a church. Jesus went to church...we do too! Jesus wanted to be close to God because he loved God so much.

God loves us so much, too, and he wants to be close to us. But sin keeps us from being close to God. That's why we need Jesus. I've asked [name of Tribe] to tell us what you learned in your closing Hometown Huddle.

Ask the Tribe to come forward and describe the Bleeding Paper activity. They might say something like "God is perfect, like this paper. God wants our lives to be clean and beautiful—without anything bad. But sometimes we do bad things. Sin keeps us from being close to God. God sent his perfect Son, Jesus, to earth to die for us so we could become 'clean' and be close to God." Thank the Tribe members for sharing.

## 3. Sing "You Gave."

Say: God wants everyone to know that Jesus is more than just the kid next door; Jesus is the Son of God. God gave his Son, Jesus, to save us. Jesus gave his life for us. Through Jesus, God gives us forgiveness. Let's praise God for giving us the greatest gift of all—his Son, Jesus. Let's sing "You Gave."



Briefly teach everyone the words and motions to "You Gave (John 14:19b)." (Words and motions are on page 58.)

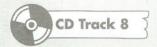
Say: Wow! What a beautiful, worshipful song of praise. It's so wonderful to sing praises to God with our family and friends like we do in Celebration and like we do in church. Jesus went to church...we do too!

#### 4. Remind everyone about God Sightings.

Say: I thank God for letting me get to know each one of you this week. You are God Sightings to me! Keep looking for God's action in your lives. We'll add more God Sightings Sheep to our pasture tomorrow. We want to praise our great God for all his blessings.

#### 5. Sing "You Are My All in All."

Say: Before we head for home, let's sing our praises to God with one more song. We sang "You Are My All in All" all together in the opening Celebration. This time, let's sing it a special way, in two parts.



Form two groups, and tell each group which portion they will sing. Half of them will sing Part 1: "Jesus, Lamb of God...." The other half will sing Part 2: "Taking my sin, my cross, my shame...." Lead everyone in singing "You Are My All in All." (Words and motions are on page 56.)

#### 6. Head for home.

- Say: You have been God Sightings to me with your awesome singing. I can't wait to see you tomorrow and sing some more in Hometown Nazareth.
  - Ask a child to pray.
  - Encourage everyone to watch for God Sightings and be God Sightings to others.
  - Give announcements, and then dismiss the Tribes. Be sure they take home their craft projects.
  - Play the Celebration Music CD in the background while participants leave.

## Field Test Findings

Right before the closing Celebration, a little boy ran up to the Leader and said: "I told Eunice about Jesus. I said Jesus is God's Son. I think she believes! She might come to the closing tomorrow!" He was so excited!

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Watch the Celebration Music DVD, and see the kids do the actions along with the words to "You Are My All in All." The DVD explains it all!

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sounded great sung in two parts. In fact, everyone loved singing it this way so much, they clapped at the end of the song!