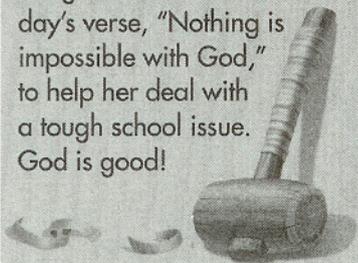


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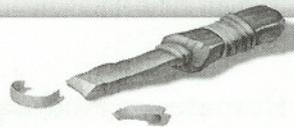
Make sure everyone can hear the reports! Take a microphone around the room and let people speak into it as they share. Select people from various spots in the room—front, back, and sides.

## Field Test Findings

Kids learn and remember the Bible verses! After the field test, one mom said that her daughter used the first day's verse, "Nothing is impossible with God," to help her deal with a tough school issue. God is good!



## Day 1 Closing Celebration



### 1. Welcome everyone back.



#### CD Track 1

Encourage everyone to join in singing "God With Us." (Words and motions are on page 48.) Tribes can easily join in the circle dance as they enter the Celebration area.

Say: **Welcome back to our Celebration, where we begin and end each day praising and worshipping God's true Son, Jesus! Throughout the day you met other people who weren't in your Tribe. Find a person who isn't in your Tribe. Shake hands, say your name and your Tribe, and tell each other one thing you enjoyed about your day. For example, "I'm Lori from the Tribe of Levi, and I loved the games!"**

Allow time for everyone to greet others, and then ring the Shepherd's Bell to get everyone's attention. Ask:

❓ **What did you enjoy about the day? Did you like the music? the games? the shops? the food?** Let several people share.

### 2. Review the day.

Say: **What a wonderful first day in Hometown Nazareth! We learned that  Jesus had a family...we do too! Mary was chosen to be the mother of God's Son! At first she thought that would be impossible. Open the Bible. In Luke 1:37, an angel told Mary, "For nothing is impossible with God." Let's sing today's Bible verse!**



#### CD Track 3

Briefly review the words and motions to "Nothing Is Impossible (Luke 1:37)." (Words and motions are on page 51.) The motions for the chorus are the same as the motions for the Bible verse!

### 3. Tell about Tribe cheers.

Say: **I've enjoyed meeting all of you Tribes today! Here's something we can do to celebrate each other! Sometime this week, each Tribe will make up your own Tribe cheer. We'll share the cheers at the end of the week. I can't wait to hear them!**

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

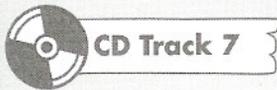
Say: In your closing Hometown Huddle, you talked about God Sightings. A God Sighting is evidence of God at work—which is all around us every day! We are going to start looking for things that God has done or made, such as a sunset, a rainstorm, or a tasty snack. We can practice being a God Sighting, too, by showing God's love! We can give a hug, tell a kind word, or pray with someone.

Hold up a God Sightings Sheep. When you meet with your Tribe tomorrow, you'll share your God Sightings. Your Tribe Leader will write them on a God Sightings Sheep, and you'll tape it to this green pasture! Motion toward the pasture on the wall. All week long, we'll see our flock of sheep grow and grow! We'll see evidence that God is alive and real in our lives today!



#### 5. Sing "Great Things!"

Say: God is so good! I'm so thankful he sent Jesus to us. Let's celebrate all the great things we learned about Jesus today by singing "Great Things!"



Quickly review the words and motions to "Great Things!" (Words and motions are on page 55.) Then sing the song.

#### 6. Head for home.

Say: You have been God Sightings to me with your awesome singing! I can't wait to see you tomorrow 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.