

Notes From Nazareth

During closing Hometown Huddle time, ask if a Tribe has a cheer prepared. Ask them to demonstrate their cheer during the closing Celebration. You could also ask a child to pray at the end of the closing Celebration.

Day 2 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 Celebration, where we will praise and worship God's true Son, whose name is Jesus. Let's praise him now!**



CD Track 4


Briefly review the words and motions to "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High." (Words and motions are on page 52.)

2. Review the day.

Say: **We love to sing praises to Jesus! We also love to learn about him. You have experienced a lot of exciting things today in Hometown Nazareth. Tell me about your day.**

Ask several Tribe members to share. Tell the large group the *name* of each Tribe member who shares!

Hold up the Bible.

Say: **We learned that  Jesus had a name...we do too! Today's Bible verse is found in Isaiah 43:1. God says, "I have called you by name; you are mine." We belong to God. He thinks we're special. Have everyone cup their hands around their mouth for "I have called you." Have everyone make an X with the pointer and middle fingers of each hand for "by name." Have them hug themselves for "you are mine."**

3. Hold up ID Wristbands.

Say: In your closing Hometown Huddles, you each received a special reminder of God's feelings for you. Everyone raise your arm in the air so we can see your ID Wristbands. Have everyone show their ID Wristbands. **You belong to God. God has called you by name! When I count to 3, punch your fist in the air, and shout your name. Ready? 1, 2, 3!** Have everyone punch their fists and shout their name.

4. Remind everyone about God Sightings.

Hold up a God Sightings Sheep.

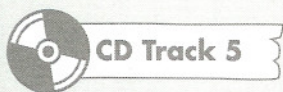
Say: **You all are God Sightings to me! When you leave Hometown Nazareth, remember to look for things God has done or made. Maybe God has given you a wonderful grandpa or aunt who loves you. You can be a God Sighting, too. Maybe you can share a nighttime prayer, thanking God for your family. We'll add God Sightings Sheep to our pasture every day. Ask:**

? How do you think you might see God after you leave Hometown Nazareth? Let several Tribe members share.

Say: I can't wait to hear your God Sightings tomorrow!

5. Head for home.

Say: Before we head for home, let's sing a song of praise to God's Son, whose name is Jesus!



Lead everyone in singing "Jesus Messiah." (Words and motions are on page 53.)

- ➡ 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

The Celebration Leader read some God Sightings from the pasture each day. Kids remembered that *they* can be God Sightings to others: "I made lunch for my mom" and "I prayed for Haiti people after the earthquake." Awesome.

