

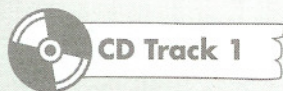
Day 5 Closing Celebration



1. Welcome everyone back.

Play the *Celebration Music* CD while participants enter. Lead a favorite song, and encourage everyone to join in. Welcome everyone, and greet all of the visitors.

Say: **God has given us a wonderful bunch of people here in Hometown Nazareth—where Jesus was a kid! Let's celebrate!**



Ask all of the visitors to form a circle, and have everyone else form a large circle around them. Lead everyone in singing "God With Us." (You probably know the words and motions!) End with one gigantic group hug!


2. Ask about God Sightings.

Stand by the pasture and flock of God Sightings Sheep.

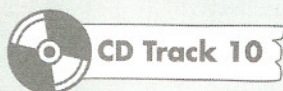
Say: **Look at all these God Sightings—evidence that God is active all the time, all around us.**

Read some of the God Sightings from the pasture on the wall. Then ask people to share God Sightings from their last day in Hometown Nazareth.

3. Offer Operation Kid-to-Kid gifts.

Say: **We've experienced so many God Sightings this week. But wait, there are more! You will be God Sightings to needy children in Latin America.  Jesus served others...we do too! We'll serve others through Operation Kid-to-Kid. Sometime this week, you dyed a special backpack and decorated a Bible bookmark. Hold up the items. When kids receive these gifts, they'll know about God's true Son, Jesus, who loves them.**

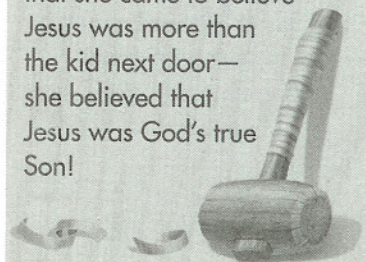
In a moment, we'll sing "You Gave." While we sing, follow your Tribe Leaders, and place your backpacks and bookmarks by the God Sightings pasture. Because Jesus served others, we will too.



Lead everyone in singing "You Gave (John 14:19b)." (Words and motions are on page 58.) Have everyone stand in a circle, walk in one direction, set the items by the God Sightings pasture, and continue walking back to their original spot.

Field Test Findings

Eunice came to the closing Celebration because so many kids had shared their faith throughout the week. Kids were so excited to hear that she came to believe Jesus was more than the kid next door—she believed that Jesus was God's true Son!



Notes From Nazareth

Keep things moving—no gaps between cheers. When you call up one Tribe, say the Tribe who will cheer next. For example: **Reuben, let's hear your cheer. Simeon, you'll be next!** Here are the Tribes:

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Zebulun
Issachar
Dan
Gad
Asher
Naphtali
Joseph
Benjamin

Notes From Nazareth

Between each cheer, while the next Tribe steps to the center, have everyone cheer:

"7, 8, 9, 10
We'll cheer some more—
We'll cheer again!"

(Then shout the next Tribe who will cheer, such as "Dan, Dan, Dan.")

4. Hear Tribe cheers.

Say: **You have been such wonderful Tribes throughout the week. Let's celebrate each other! When I call your Tribe name, come to the middle of the circle and shout out your cheer.** One by one, call out the Tribe names and hear the cheers. Have everyone give a rousing round of applause for all the Tribe cheers.

5. Sing "Jesus Messiah."

Say: **We've had such a great week in Hometown Nazareth. We've learned that Jesus walked on earth—like us—but he is truly God's Son. Let's sing a song of praise to God's Son, Jesus.**



CD Track 5

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

Field Test Findings

Earlier in the week, the Celebration Leader asked a person to play the role of adult Jesus for the closing Celebration. At the end of the song "Jesus Messiah," Mary and Jesus entered from opposite sides of the Celebration area and then joyfully met each other in the center.

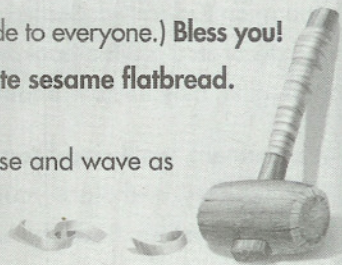
Jesus: **Mom!**

Mary: **Jesus! You're home!** (Hooks arms with Jesus and then motions toward the Tribes.) **Look at all these people—they all believe you are God's Son.**

Jesus: **Wow!** (Smiles and spreads arms wide to everyone.) **Bless you!**

Mary: **I just made a batch of your favorite sesame flatbread. Let's go home and eat.**

Mary and Jesus walk toward Mary's House and wave as they exit.



6. Head for home.

Say: I'll miss you all after our time in Hometown Nazareth. I thank God for you. Before we head for home, let's praise and worship Jesus—who is God with us. Tribe Leaders, hold your Tribe posters high, and follow me through the Marketplace. We'll boldly sing and tell of our faith in God's true Son, Jesus.



CD Track 1

Lead all Tribes in a singing, praising parade through the Marketplace. Loudly and boldly sing "God With Us."

- ➔ Thank everyone for traveling to Hometown Nazareth.
- ➔ Make sure everyone takes home their iGrow Charts, craft projects, and Bible Memory Makers.
- ➔ Encourage everyone to always tell others about God's Son, Jesus!
- ➔ Play the *Celebration Music* CD in the background while everyone leaves.

