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Daily Family Traditions

Mezuza (pronounced “muh-ZOO-zuh”)

- Contains the Shema (pronounced “shuh-MAH”):
“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all our soul and with all your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
- The Shema is the first great law of God’s people, and it helped them remember that there was only one true God. It is the most sacred prayer in Judaism.
- It’s customary when saying the Shema to close eyes or cover one’s eyes with a hand. Similar to the common Christian practice of closing eyes while praying, it’s meant to eliminate distraction and allow greater concentration on the meaning behind the words being spoken. It’s a posture meant to honor God.
- Tradition is that when you enter the house, you touch the mezuzah and kiss the tips of your fingers. This is a reminder that the people in this house love and follow God. To safeguard against germ-sharing, Tribe Leaders and other Tribe members will only pretend to kiss their fingertips.



Oil Lamp


- Since most Bible-times homes had only one small window, there wasn’t much natural light inside. Family members would light an oil lamp to provide light inside the home.
- Recite the blessing of light:
*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God,
Ruler of the Universe,
Who created the flame of the fire. Amen.*



B’samim Bottle (pronounced “BEH-sah-meem”)

- B’samim means “spices.”
- Pass around the b’samim bottle, and let each person smell the spices inside.
- This ritual is traditionally done at the end of Sabbath (the day of rest each week). The sweet spices give comfort as the joy of the Sabbath passes.

Use this chart to remember which Tribe members have baked bread.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
 Bakery					

My Tribe

Tribe Name: _____

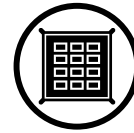
Tribe Members/Notes: _____



Reuben
רְאוּבֵן



Simeon
שמעון



Levi
לוי



Judah
יהודה



Issachar
יששכר



Zebulun
זבולון



Dan
דן



Gad
גַּד



Asher
אֲשֶׁר



Naphtali
נפתלי



Joseph
יוסף



Benjamin
בנימין



This is what everyone will do! At Jerusalem Marketplace, the daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each activity to reinforce Bible learning. Each station is an important part of the overall learning experience. This chart shows the entire program at a glance. Refer to the chart to see how each station's activities supplement other activities to immerse learners in Bible-times culture and fun.

Bible Point & Story

Tribe Time

Experience these every day:

Bible Drama

DAY

1



Bible Point: Jesus is King.

Bible Story: Crowds welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-11)

Bible Verse: "Jesus Christ is Lord." (Philippians 2:11)

Meet your Tribe members and learn your Tribe's name.



Rachel—a bystander at Jesus' triumphal entry—tries to convince her husband, Eleazar, that Jesus really is the King the Jews of Jerusalem have been waiting for.



DAY

2



Bible Point: Jesus showed God's love.

Bible Story: Jesus shares Passover with the disciples. (John 13:1-17)

Bible Verse: "You should love each other." (John 13:34)

Explore Bible-times customs like the mezuzah and lighting the oil lamp.



James and John wonder about the puzzling things Jesus did and said at the Passover meal.



DAY

3



Bible Point: Jesus loves us.

Bible Story: Jesus prays in the garden and is arrested. (John 17:1-18:11)

Bible Verse: "Nothing...will ever be able to separate us from the love of God." (Romans 8:39)

Smell the spices in the b'samim bottle to explore a special Jewish custom.



James tells Mary and another follower that the Temple guards have arrested Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.



DAY

4



Bible Point: Jesus died for us.

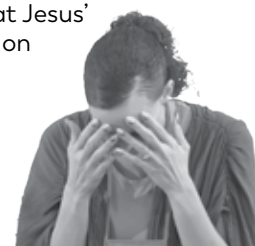
Bible Story: Jesus is crucified. (Luke 23:1-55)

Bible Verse: "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us." (Romans 5:8)

Compare life in Bible times to life today while reading the Jerusalem News.



A downhearted Mary Magdalene tells about what she witnessed at Jesus' trial and death on the cross.



DAY

5



Bible Point: Jesus lives.

Bible Story: Jesus rises from the dead. (Matthew 28:1-10)

Bible Verse: "Since I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)

Share your beliefs about Jesus!



Mary joyfully tells a frightened Peter that she has seen, touched, and spoken with Jesus. He is truly alive! Later, Jesus appears during the Closing Celebration.



6

Synagogue School

- Visit the Synagogue School and compare it to modern-day schools.
- Receive yarmulkes to wear each time they visit.



Village Playground

Play a variety of games like the ones played in Bible times.



While playing with a dreidel, learn a few Hebrew letters and some history of the game.



Marketplace

Experience these every day:



Carpentry



Pottery

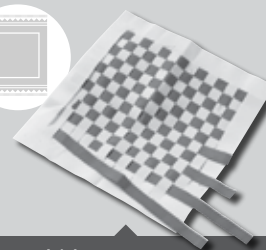
- Hear a special reading from the Torah.
- Practice Hebrew lettering on clay tablets.
- Experience a traditional Passover meal called a Seder.



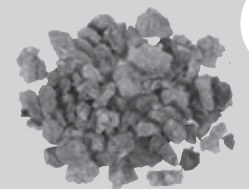
- Practice their lettering.
- Hear about a time Jesus visited the synagogue... from someone who was there!



Become athletes as they throw the "discus" and "javelin" and take part in a long jump.



Weaving



Herbs and Spices



Bakery

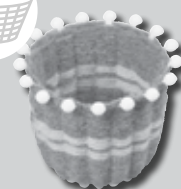


Musical Instruments

- Discover what tefillin are.
- Explore the sacred Scriptures written on them.



Discover that children in Jesus' time played simple board games, too.



Basket-Making



Jewelry-Making

- Learn a special blessing.
- Discover what it might have been like for a teenage Jesus to visit the Temple in Jerusalem.



Turn up the music; it's time to try some simple Israeli folk dances!



Operation
Kid-to-Kid™



Barnyard

Welcome to Jerusalem Marketplace!

We're glad you've joined the staff of this exciting Holy Land Adventure! You'll shepherd a group of up to five kids through authentic, traditional Bible-times experiences. As families explore the culture of the Jerusalem Marketplace, you'll guide them in activities and discussions that help them connect Bible truths to real life. You'll build lasting relationships as you bring God's Word to life in new and powerful ways.

What's a Tribe Leader?

Tribe Leaders are the heart and soul of Jerusalem Marketplace. The time children (and adults if families are participating) spend with their tribal families will be the most memorable, life-changing, and thought-provoking time of the entire program. Without your guidance and leadership, Jerusalem Marketplace would simply be an interesting experience. When you lead families through meaningful discussions and discoveries, Jerusalem Marketplace becomes a faith-building event. *Your leadership is a vital element to the success of this program.* But take a deep breath—we've made it easy!

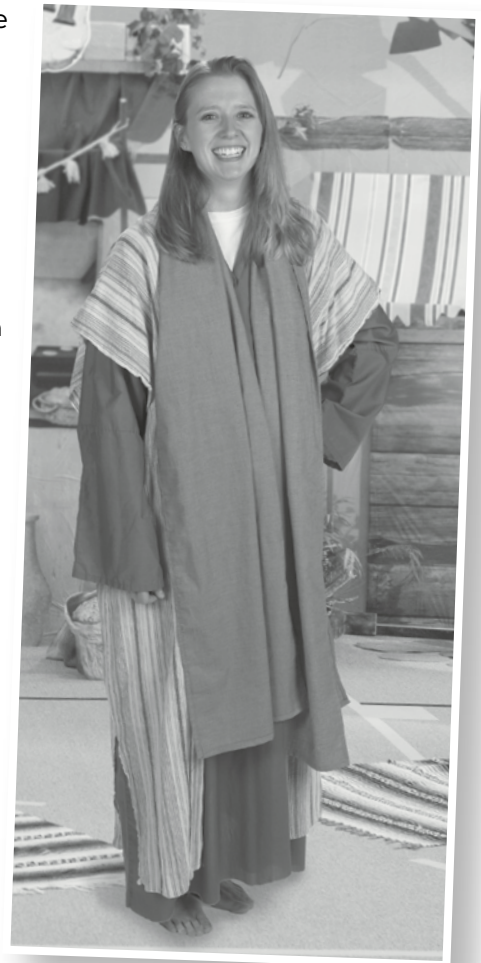
Be a Great Tribe Leader!

- **Attend the scheduled staff training.** Your Jerusalem Marketplace Director will likely set up training for all staff serving at your VBS. Plan to attend this important meeting so you can get the “big picture” of how your role fits into this exciting and unique program.
- **Familiarize yourself with this guidebook.** It's crucial that you know the Bible stories (and have read them from your own Bible), understand the family rituals and their symbolism, and identify your tribal distinctions. Prepare for God to do wonderful things within your Tribe!

A Tribe Leader:

- ▶ is a friend and a helper,
- ▶ is a teacher,
- ▶ facilitates discussions by following questions and prompts found in this Guidebook or asked by other leaders,
- ▶ offers choices,
- ▶ asks questions,
- ▶ encourages Tribe members, and
- ▶ helps and encourages other leaders throughout Jerusalem Marketplace.

- **Read each day's Bible Background, as well as the actual Scripture.** It's important to read these Bible passages from your own Bible so you're familiar with the "real story." Oftentimes we forget details from Bible stories that are familiar to us, so be sure to refresh your memory before Jerusalem Marketplace begins each day. That way you'll be prepared to give your Tribe members accurate information.
- **Check out the news (the Jerusalem News, that is!).** Each day Tribe members will get a Jerusalem News Student Newspaper to take home. These eye-catching newspapers are filled with fascinating "Now" and "Then" photos, allowing families to compare items in their world to items in Jesus' time. Take the time to look over each day's newspaper ahead of time so you can refer to some of the photos or articles during Tribe Time.
- **Listen to the music ahead of time.** While you won't be leading the singing during Celebration time, it's a good idea to be familiar with the music so you can sing along with ease. Listen to the music in your car, while you work, or when doing other things. The music is catchy and you'll have it down in no time!
- **Smile!** Be a friendly face that people look forward to seeing. It's likely that you'll have Tribe members who are new to your church, so be sure to welcome everyone with friendliness and warmth.
- **Call each person by name.** This is one of the easiest ways to affirm and encourage everyone in your Tribe. See if your Director is providing name badges or stickers for Tribe members.
- **Get to know your Tribe members.** Ask about their families, hobbies, and favorite subjects in school. Where have they been on vacation? What movies have they recently seen? What pets do they have? The tribal family relationship begins with you taking a real interest in each of your Tribe members.
- **Keep kids safe.** Don't accompany kids into the restroom or any unsupervised area. Keep your Tribe together as much as possible so you're never alone with a child. Release kids only to a parent or authorized caregiver.
- **Join in the fun!** If you're sitting on the sidelines, kids will assume an activity isn't cool or fun. But if you join in wholeheartedly, you'll send the message that this is the most excitement you've seen in a long time.
- **Follow the Tribe Time activities.** Jerusalem Marketplace provides amazing opportunities for children and adults to connect God's Word to their everyday lives. The Tribe Time activities will guide Tribe members to link their "Bible-times" experiences to real life in unforgettable ways. The Tribe Time activities in this guidebook are an important way for participants to apply what they're learning.



ADVENTURE TIP

Jerusalem Marketplace helps kids and adults discover that the things in the Bible *really* happened. As a Tribe Leader, you can help make that discovery even more exciting as you help families apply God's Word to real life. Your discussion times will be a powerful way to get people thinking about how today's activities make a difference in their lives.

ADVENTURE TIP

In Genesis 48:5, Jacob "adopts" Joseph's two sons—Ephraim and Manasse—as his own. Later, in Numbers 1:32-35, you'll find that the Tribe of Joseph isn't listed—it has been divided into the Tribe of Ephraim and the Tribe of Manasseh. So why aren't there 13 tribes? Read Numbers 3 and see how God sets the Tribe of Levi apart for service in the Temple. The Levites "step out," so to speak, so there were only 12 tribes. To keep things simple, we've based the 12 Tribes on the Genesis 49 passage, which lists all of Jacob's sons. We've given a symbol to each Tribe based on the scant information available in Scripture, and you can see each symbol on the My Tribe page (page 5).

- **Encourage adults to participate.** In our field test, families participated in Tribes (parents and children were in Tribes together), and we found that adults were worried about having enough supplies for kids, so they didn't always participate until the end of the week. Reassure any worried adults that shopkeepers have plenty of supplies and that you want them to participate, too. The more involved everyone gets, the more meaningful the program will be for all ages.
- **Have a Bible handy.** At our field test, Tribe Leaders frequently turned to the Bible to look up passages or to show kids that the books in the Torah are in the Bible. It's important for kids to see you looking up passages and reading them directly from God's Word to help them connect their experiences to Scripture.

What's a Tribe?

In Genesis 49, Jacob gathered his sons to give them his final blessing and prophecies. Verse 28 begins, "These are the twelve tribes of Israel." It is estimated that approximately 400 years elapsed between the end of Genesis and the book of the Exodus. So it was not Jacob's sons but their descendants who led their people through the desert and into the Promised Land. When the people settled in Canaan, they began to grow crops, which they had to defend from marauders and invading armies. Over the years, tribal distinctions faded as the Israelites grew as a nation. During Jesus' lifetime, only the Levites, the priestly tribe in charge of the Temple, played a significant role in people's lives.

At Jerusalem Marketplace VBS, participants are placed in groups of up to 10 kids (and possibly adults, too, if families are participating), called Tribes, led by a Tribe Leader. Each Tribe is named after one of Jacob's sons—listed in Genesis 49. If there are more than 60 participants, there might be more than one Tribe with the same name, for example, Judah #1 and Judah #2. Remember, a Tribe is like a last name. If you have more than one Tribe with the same name, it's a little like having a few families with the same last name—they just don't live in the same house!

Tribe Name Posters

In the Celebration area, each Tribe will have a Tribe Name Poster likely hung on a wall or displayed in another way with a blanket on the ground near the poster to designate where you and your Tribe can sit. You'll gather on the blanket for Tribe Time and for much of the Celebration activities.



Costuming and Supplies

Jump into your role by donning a basic robe or tunic. Slip sandals on your feet, and wrap a headband around your head. Tie a rope around your waist. You might tie a money pouch to the rope. Not every person in your Tribe will want to wear a costume...and that's okay. Costumes simply help everyone make the transition from modern times to Bible times. Costumes create an instant picture of what it was like to live in Jesus' day.

Your Director will provide a Tribe Tote or some sort of basket (such as a laundry basket) to hold your family items—Banduras, costumes, Jerusalem News Student Newspapers, and other miscellaneous items. Your tote or basket should be stocked with the following items:

- ▶ Bible
- ▶ antibacterial hand wipes (for cleaning hands before snack each day)
- ▶ pencil or pen
- ▶ permanent markers (for writing names on banduras)
- ▶ Flicker Light*
- ▶ 1 Bandura* per participant
- ▶ 1 set of 5 Bible Memory Makers* per participant
- ▶ 1 Memory Keeper Bag* per participant
- ▶ Tribe Teaching Kit*, which contains:
 - Mezuzah
 - Oil Lamp
 - B'samim Bottle
 - 1 Bold Blaster
 - 2 scented Foot Washing Fizzies
 - 2 Pray! Posters
 - 1 Light Stick
 - 1 Praise Popper



Connect with your Jerusalem Marketplace Director to see if he or she will be providing a tote or basket of supplies or if you'll be responsible for gathering your own supplies.

—Field Test Finding—

Our Tribe Leaders loved having the Banduras! It made it easier—and safer—since they could always spot where their Tribe members were. Our director loved it, too. When families sometimes came in mid-program or parents needed to pick up kids before Jerusalem Marketplace was over, you could see at a glance where each Tribe was. We highly recommend using the Banduras to make it easy to keep Tribes together.

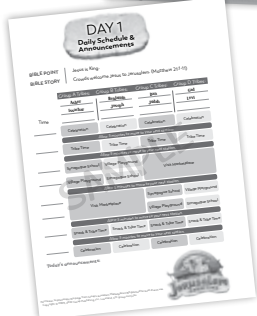


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Here's What You'll Do

—Field Test Finding—

Several groups grew throughout the week, adding many adults to their numbers since our Tribes included families. One group decided to call the new adults their “aunts and uncles.” What a warm way to welcome newcomers and foster a family feeling!



Before Tribes Arrive...

Plan to arrive *at least* 20 minutes early on the first day of Jerusalem Marketplace.

When you arrive,

- **let the director know you're here.** He or she might have specific instructions or hold a Tribe Leader meeting.
- **find your Tribe's “home base”** (a blanket where you'll gather for Tribe Time), located near your Tribe Name Poster. Do a quick inventory of your Tribe Tote supplies and make sure you have everything you need for the day, according to your Tribe Leader Guidebook. Double-check to make sure your VBS Director has placed spices inside your B'samim Bottle and a Shema scroll in your Mezuzah.
- **get a list of Tribe members from the registrar or director.** (This list may change as families arrive since some will not have preregistered, so be flexible!)
- **get a daily schedule**, and see what's in store for your Tribe today. Your director will let you know which lettered group you'll travel with.
- **as Tribe members start arriving, sit at your “home base”** with your Tribe Name Poster displayed nearby.

When Tribes Arrive...

OPENING CELEBRATION (20 minutes)

After families register or sign in each day, they'll join you at your home base.

- Greet everyone warmly as they arrive to sit with you at your home base. Introduce yourself to each person.
- As new people join the Tribe, be sure they know each other's names.
- Give each person a Bandura, and have participants write their names on the Banduras. Have Tribe members help each other so they can write legibly so that when the Banduras are worn, the names can be read.
- When the Celebration Leader begins, help him or her get your Tribe's attention and focus.
- Participate in singing and any other activities the Celebration Leader leads, such as cheering or greeting one another with a friendly “Shalom!”
- When your Tribe is dismissed to travel through the Marketplace, lead your Tribe members to the first stop designated for your travel group on the Daily Schedule.



DAILY BIBLE DRAMAS (about 5 minutes during Celebration)

- At some point during Opening Celebration each day, actors will take the spotlight to bring each day's Bible story to life. Help kids give their full attention as this is where they'll experience the account from each day's Bible passage about Jesus' journey through Jerusalem.
- Participate in the drama (if the actors invite responses and action).
- When the drama ends, act as if the event were real. For example, when people have excitedly shared about Jesus' triumphal entry, you might say, "That sounds like it was so exciting! A King...for God's chosen people! They've been waiting so long for their King to arrive!"
- *Special note for day 4:* A character representing Jesus will appear during the last day's Closing Celebration time. This is a powerful, moving moment! Continue building anticipation and excitement about seeing Jesus!



OPENING TRIBE TIME (10 minutes)

Each day you'll have 10 minutes at the beginning of the day (and 15 at the end of the day) designated as Tribe Time. This is where Tribe members get to know each other as they experience traditional, historical Jewish family customs. *Take your time walking through these experiences on the first day.* They'll likely be new and interesting for your Tribe members. Help everyone experience and understand the importance of each action.

SYNAGOGUE SCHOOL (15 minutes)

- Lead your Tribe to the Synagogue School tent, and wait outside for the rabbi.
- Follow the rabbi's instructions, and encourage everyone to listen. Sit with your Tribe, and participate in all the Synagogue School activities.
- Help younger children practice writing with a stylus or quill and clay tablet. Offer suggestions for what kids might write on their tablets.
- Ask the rabbi about what he has heard or what he believes about Jesus. Help your Tribe members respond to his uncertainty and disbelief by sharing their own faith in Jesus.



VILLAGE PLAYGROUND (15 minutes)

- Lead families to the Village Playground area, and wait for the Village Playground Leader.
- Follow the Village Playground Leader's instructions, and encourage everyone to listen.
- Help younger children with activities, if necessary.
- Participate in the activities wholeheartedly. Your participation will speak volumes to your Tribe members! (And inspire any other adults to get involved and have some fun!)

MARKETPLACE TIME (30 minutes)

Each day Tribes will have 30 minutes to explore the shops in the Marketplace. Here Tribe members can become apprentices at things such as carpentry, pottery, or weaving. They can collect herbs and spices or even make musical instruments! They'll also get a chance to explore and learn about Operation Kid-to-Kid. In the Marketplace, Tribes might even interact with a variety of Bible-times characters such as a Roman guard, a beggar, or a tax collector.

- Before heading into the Marketplace, let your Tribe know you can work together to decide what shops you'd like to visit and they'll have a chance to visit all of them throughout the week. Your Tribe will stay together and work together while visiting shops.
- Encourage everyone to listen carefully to the shopkeepers. Ask questions about how projects or tasks might be done in Bible times.
- Assist young children with any projects they choose to do. Each shopkeeper may have an alternative activity or two for preschoolers.
- Continue to remind Tribe members of what happened in the Bible Drama during Opening Celebration. Shopkeepers will help you maintain this village buzz going on in Jerusalem about Bible-times current events. There may also be a "Wise One" roaming through the Marketplace.



The Wise One is in the know! He or she has all the information about everything Jesus is doing around town. If your Tribe members have a question, you can always seek out the Wise One to get the inside scoop on what's happening. (Check with your director to see if he or she has recruited an actor to play the Wise One. It's an optional role.)

- Once Tribe members are working on their own (or families are working together), feel free to become an apprentice yourself! Keep an eye on kids who might need a hand with certain elements of projects. And encourage any other adults to participate and create their own projects, too.

CLOSING TRIBE TIME (15 minutes)

- Back at your “home base” in the Celebration area (but before Closing Celebration starts), you'll have time for a Bible-times snack and debriefing with your Tribe. During this time, Tribe members will connect what they've learned to real life through simple object lessons, discussions, and experiences. Follow each day's outline for Closing Tribe Time in this guidebook.
- Distribute the Jerusalem News Student Newspapers. Show the Daily Challenge® section, and encourage Tribe members to choose one to do when they go home. The Daily Challenges list specific ways Tribe members can show Jesus' love to others.
- Distribute Bible Memory Makers to each Tribe member, each day. Bible Memory Makers are wooden disks with the day's special animal friend imprinted on one side and the day's key Bible verse on the other. These will be lasting keepsakes for reminding Tribe members of their time at Jerusalem Marketplace.



ADVENTURE TIP

Be sure to distribute the Bible Memory Makers in the special way outlined in this book. Tribe members will not only walk away with a keepsake but also have a lasting memory of meaningful affirmation or blessing.

CLOSING CELEBRATION (15 minutes)

You'll end each day much like you started—with celebrating Jesus!

- Tuck away Tribe Time supplies so nothing is out to distract kids during Closing Celebration.
- Participate in singing and sharing and tracking God Sightings, starting on day 2, as directed by the Celebration Leader.
- Keep your Tribe together until parents or caregivers come for kids. Do not let kids wander off on their own! Remember, you're responsible for their safety and care.
- Gather Banduras and Bible Memory Makers to keep in your Tribe Tote or basket for the next day. (All can go home on the last day.)
- Be sure Tribe members take home their projects from the marketplace and Jerusalem News Student Newspapers at the end of each day.
- Let Tribe members know you're looking forward to seeing them tomorrow.
- Do a final check to make sure you've gathered supplies back in your Tribe Tote or basket, and leave it on your blanket if your director is facilitating swapping out today's supplies and daily schedule for tomorrow's.



What Do I Do If...?

- **What do I do if my Tribe won't stay together between activities?** Work with your Tribe members to develop special routes and fun ways to travel between stations. Pretend to be in a donkey caravan, crossing the desert, or even a tight cluster of grapes! Be creative, and challenge everyone to think of new (and cooperative) ways to move from place to place.
- **What do I do if older kids are unhappy being grouped with mixed ages?** Highlight older kids' helping roles by telling younger kids, "[Name of older child] is really good at that. Why don't you ask him [or her] to help you?" Older kids will enjoy being respected and looked up to, and younger kids won't demand so much of your attention. Plus, older kids learn just as much—or even more—when they help lead younger kids during activities. And younger children will thrive on the special friendships they build with older kids!
- **What do I do if someone won't participate in discussion?** Ask follow-up questions to draw out shy or reluctant Tribe members. Use phrases such as "What do you mean by that?" or "That sounds interesting! Tell me more."

Encourage participation by challenging your Tribe members to offer as many different answers as they can think of. If people offer answers that seem off base or contrary to your church's teaching, take time to follow up with them between rotations or after Jerusalem Marketplace. If you're not comfortable discussing their questions or concerns, refer them to your Jerusalem Marketplace Director or pastor.

If Tribe members don't respond to your encouragement, don't force them to participate. You may have introspective people in your Tribe who need time to think quietly about the things you're discussing.

- **What do I do if a Tribe member is too talkative or too active?** To ensure that each person has a turn to share, try going around the circle and giving each family member 30 seconds to share a response. Or occasionally ask people to respond with one-word answers. You can even call on participants by their birthdays, such as "I'd like people with wintertime birthdays to answer this one."
- **What do I do if someone asks me a question I can't answer?** Many people will come to Jerusalem Marketplace who've never been to church before, so you can expect lots of questions as you help them learn about Jesus.

If someone asks a question you can't answer, don't be afraid to admit you don't know. Say something such as "That's a good question. Maybe our church's pastor would know the answer. Why don't we ask our pastor after VBS today?" Then follow up and try to get an answer before you meet again.

—Field Test Finding—

We were delighted at how easily families joined together to form one large tribal family! Our Tribe Leaders found that the dynamics were better in groups that had a larger age span than those Tribes made up of kids in a similar age group.



ADVENTURE TIP

Although you'll want to be friendly with the kids in your Tribe, it's important to remember to touch children in appropriate ways. A good guideline: Never touch places a bathing suit would cover. Many churches also have a rule about not allowing children to sit on the laps of adults (unless the child and an adult are family members within your Tribe).

• What do I do if my Tribe finishes an activity early?

- Make up a new traveling chant to use on the way to your next area. For example, "Tribe of Asher, Tribe of Dan. Go to Celebration as fast as we can!"
- Make up an affirming Tribe cheer that families can shout during Celebration.
- See who can make the silliest donkey face.
- Try to name Marketplace items or people that start with each letter of the alphabet (axe, beggar, carpenter, and so on).
- Think of fun ways to affirm and thank each shopkeeper, such as giving them high-fives or a round of applause.

—Field Test Finding—

Tribes at our field test really had fun creating upbeat Tribe cheers. They were so great that the Celebration Leader let Tribes shout their cheers at least once each day. One of our favorites? "Joseph, Joseph, traveling far. Joseph, Joseph, without a car. Joseph, Joseph, traveling far. Joseph, Joseph, here we are!"

DAY 1

Bible Point: Jesus is King.

Bible Story: Crowds welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.
(Matthew 21:1-11)

Bible Verse: “Jesus Christ is Lord.” (Philippians 2:11)

Bible Background

The Gospels give slightly varying accounts about the donkey and the colt. Matthew is the only one to mention two animals, but Jesus obviously couldn't ride both at the same time! He rode on the colt to fulfill the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9: “Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.” Riding on a colt also demonstrated Jesus' humble spirit. The mother donkey likely walked alongside since it would have been typical for a donkey to accompany her colt where it was led. Apparently the other Gospel writers didn't feel it necessary to mention the mother.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem marked the high point of his earthly ministry. Military victors were often treated with such a procession when they returned from battle. Jesus' acceptance of the praise bestowed on him told people that he didn't deny being who they were claiming he was—the Messianic descendent of David whom they had been anticipating for hundreds of years. Placing their cloaks on the street as a carpet on which Jesus' donkey would pass was an act not only of honor but of submission as well. And they apparently took their actions so far that they ran out of clothing to lay down, so they turned to cutting branches from the trees to complete the carpet.

Psalms 118:25-26a says, “Please, Lord, please save us... Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” The word *Hosanna* is translated “Lord save us!” Or it could be simply translated “Save!”—more like an expression of praise.

How ironic is it that a crowd of people worshipping and praising Jesus stirred up the city so dramatically that many asked who Jesus was, and then five days later a crowd in that same city demanded that Jesus be crucified (Matthew 27:22-26)! If the story ended there, we would have little reason to praise. Many would have concluded that Jesus was a fake or a crazy man. But when Jesus rose from the dead one week after the triumphal entry, he demonstrated without a doubt who he really was. And because Jesus is God, he deserves all our praise! Hosanna!



Opening Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 1

Action	Supplies
Remind everyone of your name, and tell them you're glad you get to be in a Tribe with them this week.	"Home base" blanket
Make sure everyone has written his or her name on a Bandura and is wearing the bandura with name facing out.	Banduras, permanent markers
Explain that the Tribe name is like a last name. Give a brief summary of the history of your Tribe's name from the information on the back cover of this guidebook.	Tribe Leader Guidebook (this book you're reading from)
Ask: ❓ At home, what chores or jobs do you have? Why are those important things to do?	
Choose two Tribe members to make bread in the Bakery when the Marketplace opens.	
Look over the daily schedule.	Daily Schedule in your Tribe Tote or basket
Listen for the Shalom Bell to dismiss you for rotating through the Marketplace, Synagogue School, and Village Playground.	

Closing Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 1

Action	Supplies
Clean your hands.	antibacterial hand-cleaning supplies in your Tribe Tote or basket
Thank the Tribe members who made the bread.	bread, water cups
Explain that God told his people to pray to thank him <i>after</i> they'd eaten.	
Ask: ❓ Why would people call Jesus a King? ❓ What would it be like to meet a king or see an important person walking down the street?	
Be surprised by what a toy can do.	Bold Blaster
Ask: ❓ What surprised you about this toy? ❓ What was unexpected about Jesus?	Daily Schedule in your Tribe Tote or basket
Read the Scripture from the back of the Bible Memory Maker. Distribute Bible Memory Makers and Memory Keeper Bags.	Day 1 Bible Memory Maker (Donkey), Memory Keeper Bags
Distribute the Day 1 Jerusalem News Student Newspapers.	Jerusalem News Student Newspapers
Ask: ❓ How can you show that Jesus is the most important person in your life?	
Close in prayer.	

Opening Tribe Time (10 minutes)

ADVENTURE TIP

You'll learn words in Hebrew this week that might be a little tricky on the tongue! Take time to check out the handy glossary at the back of this book to ensure that you're pronouncing them correctly. If you struggle with any, that's okay! Tell your Tribe if any words are hard for you to say and your Tribe can work together on pronouncing the words correctly. It will only help bond your Tribe members to see that your Tribe handles struggles with team work.

ADVENTURE TIP

Some Tribes have a fairly negative or barbaric history. Rather than focus on the shortcomings of Jacob's sons, talk about how people don't have to repeat the wrong things that may be in a family's past. Point out that God loves and forgives everyone and anyone can have a fresh, new start when they choose to follow God.

1. Gathered on your home-base blanket, remind everyone of your name and share your excitement of being their Tribe Leader for the week. If any Tribe members haven't yet written their names on their Tribe Banduras, allow them to do so with a permanent marker. Make sure all your Tribe members are wearing their Banduras in a way you can see their names. (Your Tribe members will get creative with how they wear their Banduras!)
2. Say: **At Jerusalem Marketplace, we'll be pretending we're on a trip...a trip back to Bible times! Let's get to know each other more by taking turns saying our names and telling about a fun trip we've gone on or one we're planning to go on soon.** Start by telling about a memorable trip you've been on or one you're planning to go on.
3. When everyone has shared, invite everyone to tell their last names. Say: **Our last names can show that we're related to people with that same name. In Bible times, a Tribe name was kind of like a family name. Instead of being [child's first and last name], you would be [child's first name] from the Tribe of [your Tribe name].** Tell children and adults that they'll be working, playing, and learning in this family group—their Tribe—at Jerusalem Marketplace.
4. Use the Tribe information (on the back of this guidebook) to give a brief summary about your Tribe—point out the symbol on your Tribe's Tribe Name Poster and tell what it means.
5. Say: **Since our Tribe is like a family this week, we'll have some special jobs like we sometimes do within our own families.**

Ask: **At home, what chores or jobs do you have?**

Why are those important things to do?



6. Say: **In Bible times, people had special jobs to do, too, such as making sure there was bread for the family to eat.** Explain that every day two Tribe members will go to the Bakery to make bread for your Tribe family to eat at the end of the day. Select which two Tribe members will make the bread for today. *When you hear the Shalom Bell dismissing everyone to the Marketplace, those two Tribe members will go to the Bakery for their special job.*
7. Look at the schedule provided by your Director. Tell your Tribe where they will go first today. Say: **Pretty soon we'll hear the Shalom Bell, and that'll be our signal that the Marketplace is open and we can start our "time-traveling" adventure to Bible-times Jerusalem.** When it's time for your Tribe to go into the Marketplace, help your two bakers find the Bakery and make sure they go there. If you have an Assistant Tribe Leader, you can form two smaller groups (the Assistant Tribe Leader will take one group while you take the other), and decide which shop you'll visit first.
8. When you hear the Shalom Bell, travel to your first location! Then follow your daily schedule until Closing Tribe Time.

ADVENTURE TIP

You'll hear the Shalom Bell a lot throughout your days at Jerusalem Marketplace. The sound signals the end of Opening Tribe Time and the opening of the Marketplace. You'll also hear it as a cue of when it's time to rotate between the Marketplace, Village Playground, and Synagogue School. Leaders throughout your VBS may also use it as an attention-getting signal, and you can make sure your Tribe gives the leader respectful attention.



Bible Drama Debrief

ADVENTURE TIP

Remember to look for the Wise One when you visit the Marketplace shops (if your Director has found a volunteer to play this role throughout the week). The Wise One will go from shop to shop, asking if you've heard the latest news about Jesus. Play along with the Wise One, allowing him or her to fill in your Tribe on all the details of today's story.

Each day's Bible Drama in Opening Celebration is where everyone experiences an account of the daily Bible story. Refer to it often throughout the day to help kids process the story and talk about their reactions.

Today's Bible Drama involved a woman, Rachel, who was looking for her husband, Eleazar. She really wanted to tell him the exciting news that she saw Jesus enter Jerusalem. Once she found Eleazar, Rachel tried to convince her doubting husband that Jesus really *is* the King, coming to lead God's people.

Questions you can ask your Tribe throughout the day about the Bible Drama:

- ① **Why do you think Rachel was so excited to tell her husband that she'd seen Jesus come in to Jerusalem?**
- ① **People waved palm branches and cheered to welcome Jesus. What else might you have done to welcome him into Jerusalem?**
- ① **Do you think you would have been more like Rachel or Eleazar about Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem? Why?**



Closing Tribe Time (15 minutes)

1. Sit in a circle on your home-base blanket.
2. Distribute hand-cleaning supplies, and let Tribe members clean their hands while you pour cups of water. (The water won't be cold, but that's okay. Talk about how people in Bible times didn't have ice to chill their water.)
3. Allow each Tribe member to select a portion of bread, making sure any modified for food allergies go to the correct Tribe members. (Bread and pitchers of water should be waiting for you, delivered by the kitchen crew.) Thank those who made the bread today. Explain that today many of us pray to thank God for our food *before* we eat. Say: **Jews—or God's special people—do things differently. In the Bible book of Deuteronomy, God told the people to praise God *after* they had eaten!**
4. Talk about the events of the day.

Ask:  **Why would people call Jesus a King?**

 **What would it be like to meet a king or see an important person walking down the street?**

5. Bring out the Bold Blaster from the Tribe Teaching Kit. Hold it up so everyone can see. Then pass the two pieces of the Bold Blaster in opposite directions around the circle.

Ask:  **Let's brainstorm for 15 seconds all the things we think we could do with this toy.**

6. Collect both pieces of the Bold Blaster again and hold them. Say: **These ideas sound fun, and there's a lot we could do with this toy, but watch this!**
7. Slip the hollow tube piece of the toy over the straw that's connected to a ball, with the straw and tube on top, the ball facing down. Then stand, holding the toy by the portion of the straw that's showing above the hollow tube. Hold it up about shoulder height and drop the toy so the ball hits the ground. The impact will launch the hollow tube surprisingly high!
8. Have Tribe members help retrieve the hollow tube, and then allow each person to drop the Bold Blaster and launch the tube. You can even make a game of it and see if Tribe members can catch the tube after it's launched. After everyone's had a turn with the Bold Blaster, collect it and tuck it away so it's not a tempting distraction.

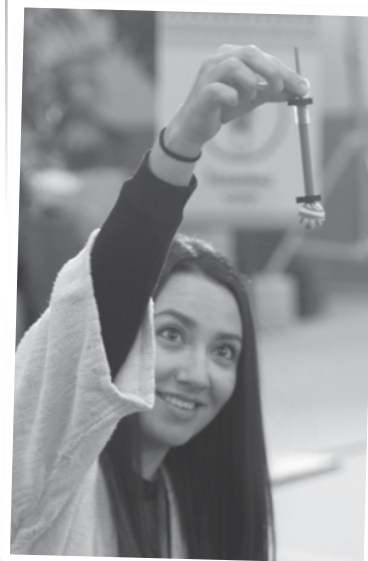
Ask:  **What surprised you about this toy?**

Say: **Surprises are fun and exciting—especially when they're something cool we weren't expecting!**



ADVENTURE TIP

The commandment to eat and then praise God is found in Deuteronomy 8:10. Many Jews today still say the *birkat hamazon*—or the blessing of the food—after they've eaten. The complete *birkat* is a lengthy prayer with many parts. To keep things brief, you can pray any simple prayer or a prayer similar to this one: *Blessed are You, Merciful One, the one who is everywhere, always, Creator of this bread.*





Ask: **?** **What was unexpected about Jesus?**

Say: **When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, some people thought he was a good teacher. Some people thought he was a king who would save them from the Romans. The people soon found out that *Jesus is King*. (*Trust Jesus!*) But not just any king and not sent to save them from the Romans. Jesus would do something *much* bigger than that because Jesus is the most special King of kings, and it's why he's called Lord.**

9. Bring out the Day 1 Bible Memory Makers (the donkey). Read aloud the passage from the Bible Memory Maker: **"Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:11).**

Say: **I want each of you to have one of these special Bible Memory Makers.**

You'll get one each day to remind us of all the incredible things we're discovering about Jesus! You each get a bag called a Memory Keeper to hold all your Bible Memory Makers. Distribute the Memory Keeper Bags.

10. Give each child a donkey Bible Memory Maker, and as you hand it to him or her, say: [Child's name], **I'm so glad you're here with us to learn that Jesus Christ is Lord!**
11. Have everyone tuck their Bible Memory Maker in a Keeper Bag and then collect the bags. Explain that you'll keep everyone's Bible Memory Maker collection in your Tribe Tote or basket until the last day and then everyone can take their entire collection home.
12. Distribute the Day 1 Jerusalem News Student Newspapers. Point out the pictures of the Daily Challenge section of the newspaper. Talk about how the people in the photos are showing that Jesus is important to them.

Ask: **?** **How can you show that Jesus is the most important thing in your life?** Share an example of your own first if kids need a starting point.

Invite everyone to take the Daily Challenge section home and choose a challenge to accomplish before they come back tomorrow. When they're at home, they can write or draw in the box on the back a specific way they'll show that Jesus is the most important thing in their lives. For example, a person might draw a picture of himself or herself reading the Bible or praying before a meal.

13. Close with a prayer, asking God to bless the rest of the day. Have everyone leave their newspapers and Banduras on the home-base blanket. You can tuck the newspapers in your Tribe Tote or basket until dismissal and leave the Banduras on the blanket for everyone to use again tomorrow.



DAY 2

Bible Point: Jesus showed God's love.

Bible Story: Jesus shares Passover with the disciples.
(John 13:1-17)

Bible Verse: "You should love each other." (John 13:34)

Bible Background

In examining this passage, it's interesting to reflect on what Jesus knew was coming. He knew that one of his disciples was going to betray him, that another would deny him three times, and that all of them would scatter and desert him. Still, he was determined to show them his love.

Jesus washing the disciples' feet is especially significant because none of the disciples was willing to stoop below the others to do this demeaning task. The washing of feet, necessary because people in Jesus' day all wore sandals, was customary before the beginning of any meal and was normally done by a servant as guests entered the house. However, since this was a private meal, there was apparently no servant there. The water, the basin, and the towel were there, and certainly the disciples thought about the fact that no one had washed their feet. But none of them took the initiative to do the washing before the meal. After the food had been set out, Jesus took action. John records all of this in detail, likely feeling guilty for not being the one to pick up the towel and basin to serve his brothers and his Lord.

Through his actions and words, Jesus commands us to serve one another as he served his disciples, but not specifically in the washing of feet. It would not be enough for the disciples to recognize that they were to serve one another; they needed to take action if they were to receive the "path of blessing" promised in John 13:17.



Opening Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 2

Action	Supplies
Distribute Banduras.	Banduras, permanent markers
Mezuza means “doorpost.”	Mezuza
Have an older child or adult read the Shema. Ask: What about this verse sounds like important instructions for our lives?	Shema “scroll” (inside the Mezuza)
Explain that each person will touch the Mezuza and pretend to kiss his or her fingertips when he or she enters the home (sits down on the home-base blanket).	
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Ask: What would it be like to live in a home without a light? Light was important in Bible-times homes since they often didn’t have windows. When are you most thankful for light? Teach the blessing.	Daily Schedule in your Tribe Tote or basket
Choose two Tribe members to make bread when the Marketplace opens.	
Check the daily schedule.	Daily Schedule

Closing Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 2

Action	Supplies
Touch the Mezuzah and pretend to kiss your fingertips.	Mezuzah
Light the lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Clean your hands.	antibacterial hand-cleaning supplies
Thank the Tribe members who made the bread. After the Tribe members eat, offer a blessing.	bread, water, cups
Ask: ❓ How did Jesus show God's love to his friends? ❓ What do you think it was like for Jesus' friends when he washed their feet?	
Form two groups. Add scented Fizzies to water, and then experience a foot-washing. Ask: ❓ How did it feel to have someone wash your feet? ❓ What was is like to wash someone else's feet? ❓ How is washing feet like showing God's love?	2 scented Foot Washing Fizzies from Tribe Teaching Kit, 2 pitchers of warm water, 2 large bowls, 2 towels
Distribute Bible Memory Makers, and show God's love to each other.	Bible Memory Makers, Memory Keeper Bags
Distribute Day 2 Jerusalem News Student Newspapers.	Jerusalem News Student Newspapers
Ask: ❓ When you go home today, what is one way you can show God's love?	
Close in prayer.	

Opening Tribe Time (10 minutes)

1. Gather on your home-base blanket, and introduce any new Tribe members. Be sure each Tribe member has a Bandura that corresponds to the color of your banner with his or her name written on it. Everyone who prepared a Bandura yesterday will wear it again today and each day through the rest of the week.
2. Talk about what happened yesterday in the Marketplace. Remind Tribe members that people celebrated the fact that Jesus is King. Point out that God's people wanted Jesus to be their leader. Check in to see how family members accomplished their Daily Challenges from their Jerusalem News Student Newspapers.

Ask: (?) **When you went home yesterday, how did you show that Jesus is the most important thing in your life?** Share an example of your own, such as praying to talk with Jesus before you went to bed.

3. Remind everyone that today they can watch for ways **Jesus showed God's love**.
4. Hold up the Mezuzah (pronounced "muh-ZOO-zuh"). Explain that people in Jesus' time would have a mezuzah on their doorpost. (Mezuzah even means "doorpost.") Let an older child or adult open the Mezuzah and read the Shema (pronounced "shuh-MAH") aloud. To help remember the passage, you may want to guide Tribe members in the motions to the song "Love the Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) that you learned during Celebration.
5. Explain that this verse was the most important law God gave his people and the most special prayer to God's people—the Jews.

Ask: (?) **What about this verse sounds like important instructions for our lives?**

The Shema

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV).



6. Point out that the Shema (which means "hear") is the first great law of the Israelites, and it taught them important truths about God. Say: **The Shema reminded people that there was only one true God. This was the first lesson Jesus' father here on earth, Joseph, taught him since every Jewish boy learned it before he went to school.**
7. Explain that each time you enter or leave your "home" (your home-base blanket), each person should gently touch the Mezuzah and then pretend to kiss his or her fingers as a way to show that this "family" (your Tribe) worships the one true God.

(In Jewish tradition, it's customary to actually kiss the fingertips, but to keep germ-sharing to a minimum you can guide everyone to only pretend.) When Jews recite the Shema, they close or cover their eyes in a posture meant to honor God.

Say: **We usually close our eyes when we pray, too!**

Ask: **Why do you think closing or covering our eyes shows respect and honor to God?**

Explain that Jews cover their eyes when saying the Shema as a way to block out distractions, allowing them to concentrate on the meaning of the words in the prayer.

8. Tell Tribe members that you have a gift to help them remember the Shema. Give each person a Shema wristband. Point out that the Hebrew letters mean "Hear," which is the first word of the Shema.
9. Turn on the Flicker Light and set it on top of the Oil Lamp. You'll let the lamp "burn" until the end of opening Tribe Time.

Ask: **What would it be like to live in a home without light?**

Explain that in Bible times, most houses didn't have many—if any—windows. It was important to have a lamp so you could see what you were doing (or even to see each other!). Point out that in Bible times, lamps were shaped similarly to the Oil Lamp but would have been filled with oil. People would put a wick in the oil and light the wick.

10. Ask: **When are you most thankful for light?**

Say: **Jews today are so thankful for light that they say a special prayer, thanking God for it.** Teach your Tribe the following blessing, repeating it several times:

Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of the fire. Amen.

11. Choose two Tribe members who will go to the Bakery to make bread for the family to eat at the end of the day. (Remember, they'll go straight to the Bakery when the Marketplace is open.)
12. Look at the schedule provided by your Marketplace Director. (The schedule changes every day.) Tell your Tribe where you're headed first today. If you have an Assistant Tribe Leader, you can form two smaller groups (the Assistant Tribe Leader will take one group while you take the other), and decide which shop you'll visit first.
13. When you hear the Shalom Bell, travel to your first location! Then follow your daily schedule until Closing Tribe Time.



ADVENTURE TIP

Save on the battery in your Flicker Light and turn it off before you head out to the Marketplace. You can turn it back on during Closing Tribe Time.

Bible Drama Debrief

ADVENTURE TIP

Remember to look for the Wise One when you visit the Marketplace shops (if your Director has found a volunteer to play this role throughout the week).

In today's drama, a Roman guard angrily shouted at two men, James and John, who bumped into the guard and spilled some supplies. The men—disciples of Jesus—were cleaning up after their Passover meal with Jesus. As they gathered their supplies from the dirt, James and John talked about how strange it was to have Jesus wash their feet. Then the two men left, heading for the garden at Gethsemane, where they'll meet Jesus and the rest of the disciples.

Questions you can ask your Tribe throughout the day about the Bible Drama:

- ❓ **What were they saying about Jesus washing their feet?**
- ❓ **Why do you think people might need their feet washed in a city like this?**
- ❓ **What do you think it's like to have Jesus as a close friend?**



Closing Tribe Time (15 minutes)

1. Gather in a circle on the blanket. Be sure each person touches the Mezuzah as he or she enters the "home." Remind Tribe members that they touch the Mezuzah and then pretend to kiss their fingers as a way to remember that this "family" worships the one true God.
2. Light the Oil Lamp. Remind Tribe members how important it was to have light in the home during Bible times. Lead your family in the blessing, thanking God for creating light: ***Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of the fire. Amen.***
3. Distribute hand-cleaning supplies, and let people clean their hands while you pour cups of water.
4. Allow each Tribe member to select a portion of bread, making sure any modified for food allergies go to the correct Tribe members. (Bread and pitchers of water should be waiting for you, delivered by the kitchen crew.) Thank those who made the bread today. Remind your Tribe members that here in Jerusalem, people pray *after* they've eaten. After people have taken a few bites, pray and thank God for providing the food.
5. Talk about the events of the day.

Ask:  **How did Jesus show God's love to his friends?**

 **What do you think it was like for Jesus' friends when he washed their feet?**

6. Form two groups—one group can circle up with an Assistant Tribe Leader or another adult or teen in your Tribe, and the other group can circle up with you.



ADVENTURE TIP

When you return to your blanket, you should find two pitchers of warm water, two large bowls, and two towels. These items will be delivered, along with the daily bread, by the kitchen staff. If these items aren't present, send a Tribe member to ask the VBS Director or Celebration Leader.

ADVENTURE TIP

While your Tribe is gathering, add a scented Foot Washing Fizzie (from the Tribe Teaching Kit in your Tribe Tote or basket) to each pitcher of warm water.



—Field Test Finding—

We found that *adults* were most hesitant to participate in the foot-washing, particularly when another adult washed their feet. One family really resisted, so we simply let them wash each other's hands. Once they had washed hands, they wanted to try washing each other's feet. This turned out to be an incredibly memorable and thought-provoking experience for families who had never experienced this kind of servanthood before.

ADVENTURE TIP

At first, this may be a strange (maybe even uncomfortable) experience for your Tribe members. Kids might giggle or make sarcastic remarks to help offset discomfort. Remind kids that this is what Jesus did for his closest friends as a way to show God's love.



7. Bring out the bowls, towels, and pitchers of water. You and your assistant will pour scented water from a pitcher and wash each person's feet. Encourage Tribe members to breathe in the fresh scent. As you dry their feet with a towel say: **Jesus shows God's love to [name].** (If you have families in your Tribe, begin by washing a parent's feet, and then allow that parent to wash the feet of each person in his or her family. What an awesome way for families to display Christ's love!)

8. Allow time for each person to have their feet washed, but watch your time closely so you don't run out of time for the remaining activities.

Ask: **How did it feel to have someone wash your feet?**

How did it feel to wash someone else's feet?

How is washing feet like showing God's love? (If needed, share an answer of your own first such as how it shows a humble act of great love.)

Say: **When we washed each other's feet, we smelled the fresh scent of the water. Smell does something amazing and can help lock in memories in our brains. Whenever you smell a fresh scent like the water we used today, it could bring back the memory of today and how Jesus showed God's love. (Trust Jesus!)**

9. Bring out the Bible Memory Makers. Point out that the animal imprint is a honeybee—another great reminder of the sweetness of God's love.

Say: **One way Jesus showed God's love (Trust Jesus!) was by washing the disciples' feet. This Bible Memory Maker has Jesus' words from the Bible on the back. In the book of John, chapter 13, verse 34, it says, "You should love each other." We just showed God's love by washing each other's feet—following Jesus' example—and there are many other ways we can show God's love. You'll get to keep this Bible Memory Maker and can take it with you wherever you go to remember... As you give each person a Bible Memory Maker, say: [Name], you can show God's love to others.**

10. Distribute the Jerusalem News Student Newspapers for Day 2. Point to the pictures in the Daily Challenge section, and talk about how the people in the photos are showing God's love.

Ask: **When you go home today, what is one way you can show God's love?**

Encourage Tribe members to take the pages home and choose one Daily Challenge to accomplish before they come back to Jerusalem tomorrow.

11. Close by praying for your Tribe members, asking God to help them share his love as Jesus did. Have everyone leave their newspapers and Banduras on the home-base blanket. You can tuck the newspapers in your Tribe Tote or basket until dismissal and leave the Banduras on the blanket for everyone to use again tomorrow.



DAY 3

Bible Point: Jesus loves us.

Bible Story: Jesus prays in the garden and is arrested. (John 17:1-18:11)

Bible Verse: “Nothing...will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.” (Romans 8:39)

Bible Background


We can only imagine the power and peace Jesus drew from his times in prayer. How he must have relished those all-too-brief moments—talking with the Father, pouring out his heart, praying for those he loved, and praising God. Perhaps that’s why Jesus so often prayed privately, slipping away from the crowds to spend a few intimate hours with his heavenly Father. But this time was different. After the Passover meal, Jesus prayed, allowing his disciples to hear the burdens of his heart. The Bible doesn’t record any of Jesus’ prayers so fully as this one. Although the pain and suffering of the cross were only hours away, Jesus prayed for his disciples and those they would lead. With his eyes turned toward heaven, Jesus spoke words of love and concern, words of finality and unity. In an intimate moment with the Father, Jesus spoke of those he loved and cared for...including you.

Through his passionate prayer, it’s evident that Jesus knew what was about to happen. He knew his betrayer, Judas, was approaching with a small army of soldiers and guards. He knew that, in the next hours, his friends would be scarce, while his enemies would be countless. Jesus even knew of the unbelievable, seemingly unbearable pain that awaited him at the cross.



Opening Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 3

Action	Supplies
Distribute Banduras.	Banduras
Invite an older child or adult to read the Shema. Remind the Tribe about touching the Mezuzah and then pretending to kiss their fingertips.	Mezuzah, Shema “scroll” inside the Mezuzah
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Ask:  When you went home yesterday, how did you show God’s love?	
Pass around the B’samim Bottle, and let everyone smell the spices. This tradition was meant to help people feel better about the Sabbath—the day of rest—coming to an end.	B’samim Bottle
Choose two Tribe members to make bread in the Bakery when the Marketplace opens.	
Check the daily schedule.	Daily Schedule

Closing Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 3

Action	Supplies
Touch the Mezuzah and pretend to kiss your fingertips.	Mezuzah
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Clean your hands.	antibacterial hand-cleaning supplies
Thank the Tribe members who made the bread. After the Tribe members eat, offer a blessing.	bread, water, cups
Ask: ? What have you heard people say about Jesus? ? Do you think Jesus loves only people who say good things about him? Why or why not? ? What's surprising about how Jesus loves everyone—even people who say mean things about him?	
Set out the "Pray!" posters and Bible Memory Makers. Take turns dropping a Bible Memory Maker on a poster and praying for the situation where the Bible Memory Maker lands.	"Pray!" posters (from Tribe Teaching Kit), Bible Memory Makers, Memory Keeper Bags
Distribute Day 3 Jerusalem News Student Newspapers. Discuss different ways to pray.	Jerusalem News Student Newspapers
Close in prayer.	

Opening Tribe Time (10 minutes)

1. Gather on your home-base blanket, and introduce any new Tribe members. Be sure each Tribe member is wearing a Bandura that corresponds to the color of your Tribe Name Poster with his or her name written on it.
 2. Remind everyone that every time you gather as a Tribe, you'll do some special things to remember how much your Tribe loves God. Hold up the Mezuzah. Remind your Tribe that people in Jesus' time would have a mezuzah on their doorpost. (Mezuzah even means "doorpost.") Let an older child or adult open the Mezuzah and read the Shema aloud while partially covering his or her eyes with a hand.
 3. Explain that this verse was the most important law God gave his people. Remind Tribe members that each time you enter or leave your "home," each person should gently touch the Mezuzah and then pretend to kiss his or her fingertips as a way to remember that this "family" worships the one true God.
 4. Light the Oil Lamp. Remind Tribe members how important it was to have light in the home during Bible times. Lead your Tribe in the blessing, thanking God for creating light: **Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of the fire. Amen.**
 5. Talk about what happened yesterday in the Marketplace. Remind everyone of the ways Jesus showed God's love. Talk about how each person lived out his or her Daily Challenge.
- Ask:  **When you went home yesterday, how did you show God's love?**
6. Point out that today they'll discover that **Jesus loves us**. Encourage your Tribe to look for signs of Jesus' love as they explore today's activities.
 7. Say: **Today we'll learn a new custom or ritual that people did in Jesus' time. First, I want each person to tell about a time you were sad and someone helped you feel better.** Share an example of your own first.
 8. When everyone has shared, remind the Tribe of the importance of the Sabbath—a special day of rest and celebration. Say: **God's people were sad when the Sabbath ended and they had to go back to their everyday work. So at the end of every Sabbath, they would pass around a special box or bottle of spices, like this.**



The Shema

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV).

ADVENTURE TIP

Don't rush through the "update" of how people are living out the daily Bible Point. This is a key element in encouraging kids and families to apply God's Word to everyday life. Be sure to share your own stories, too!



—Field Test Finding—

The B'samim Bottle got such a wonderful response—lots of “ooohs” and “aaahs.” Everyone looked forward to this multisensory experience when the Tribes gathered.



9. Open the B'samim Bottle, and pass it around the circle. Let each person smell the sweet-smelling spices inside. Talk about how the good-smelling spices comforted God's people as their Sabbath day ended.
10. Choose two Tribe members who will go to the Bakery to make bread for the family to eat at the end of the day. (Remember, they'll go straight to the Bakery when you hear the Shalom Bell signal that the Marketplace is open.)
11. Look at the schedule provided by your VBS Director. Tell your Tribe where you're headed first today. If you have an Assistant Tribe Leader, you can form two smaller groups (the Assistant Tribe Leader will take one group while you take the other), and decide which shop you'll visit first.
12. When you hear the Shalom Bell, travel to your first location! Then follow your daily schedule until Closing Tribe Time.



Bible Drama Debrief

During today's Bible Drama, James was looking for Mary of Magdala. When he found Mary, James breathlessly told her that Jesus had been arrested in the garden of Gethsemane. Things are getting more intense in Jerusalem! James and Mary ran away to find Mary, Jesus' mother. Use the questions in your closing Tribe Time to discuss the drama.



Closing Tribe Time (15 minutes)

1. Gather in a circle on your home-base blanket. Be sure each person touches the Mezuzah as he or she “enters the home.” Remind Tribe members that they touch the Mezuzah and pretend to kiss their fingers as a way to remember that this “family” worships the one true God.
2. Light the Oil Lamp. Lead your Tribe in the blessing thanking God for creating light: **Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of the fire. Amen.**
3. Distribute hand-cleaning supplies, and let everyone clean their hands while you pour cups of water.
4. Allow each Tribe member to select a portion of bread, making sure any modified for food allergies go to the correct Tribe members. Thank those who made the bread today. After people have eaten, pray to thank God for providing the daily bread.
5. Talk about the day’s events.

Ask: (?) **What have you heard people say about Jesus?**

- (?) **Do you think Jesus loves only people who say good things about him? Why or why not?**
- (?) **What’s surprising about how Jesus loves everyone—even people who say mean things about him?**
- (?) **What do you think will happen to Jesus now that he’s been arrested?**
- (?) **What should the disciples do to help Jesus?**
- (?) **If Jesus is God’s Son, why didn’t he stop the soldiers from arresting him?**



We’ve given you plenty of questions to talk about. While these are sparks to help people process their day, don’t feel as if you have to use them all!



6. Bring out the “Pray!” posters from the Tribe Teaching Kit (in your Tribe Tote or basket). You’ll also need the day’s Bible Memory Makers. Set the posters in the middle of your circle so Tribe members can easily access either one.
7. Show Tribe members the shepherd dog and read aloud the verse on the back: **“Nothing...will ever be able to separate us from the love of God” (Romans 8:39).**



Say: **In today’s Bible story drama, we learned that *Jesus loves us*. (Trust *Jesus!*) Jesus prayed for his disciples in the garden. Jesus knew that even though he would die soon, nothing could separate the disciples from God’s love because it was all part of God’s big plans to make a way for the disciples and all of us to have a forever friendship with him. No matter where we go, we can pray and know that our loving God is always with us and listens to our prayers.**

8. Show the “Pray!” posters and point out all the places we could pray. Hand a Bible Memory Maker to a Tribe member. Have that person stand by the poster, close his or her eyes, and drop the Bible Memory Maker on the poster. The person will pray for whichever situation the wooden disk lands on—for example, “God, I pray that kids at school know how much you love them. Amen.” or “God, thanks for loving us and helping us when we hurt. Amen.” Then he or she can take the Bible Memory Maker and sit down. Hand the next person a Bible Memory Maker to take a turn. Continue until everyone has a Bible Memory Maker and has taken a turn praying.



9. Distribute the Jerusalem News Student Newspapers for Day 3. Point out the picture on the front of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Explain that Jesus was facing something really hard, but he still prayed for us because **Jesus loves us**.

Point to the pictures in the Daily Challenge section of the newspaper. Talk about how each of these shows a way we can pray. Encourage Tribe members to take the pages home and choose one Daily Challenge to accomplish before they come back to Jerusalem tomorrow.



10. Close by praying for your Tribe members, thanking God for sending Jesus, who loves us so much. Have everyone leave their newspapers and Banduras on the home-base blanket. You can tuck the newspapers in your Tribe Tote or basket until dismissal and leave the Banduras on the blanket for everyone to use again tomorrow.

DAY 4

Bible Point: Jesus died for us.

Bible Story: Jesus is crucified. (Luke 23:1-55)

Bible Verse: “God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Bible Background

Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, had been less than pleasant to the Jews during his rule. He had taken money from the Temple treasury for a city water project and had brought images from the Roman Empire into the city of Jerusalem. But he knew not to go too far to irritate the Jews. If too many complaints about Pilate reached Rome, he might lose his position. So he was likely feeling insecure when the Jews came to him with their request to crucify Jesus. Thus, even though it appears that Pilate felt Jesus was innocent, he was unwilling to stand up against the Jews. Against his better judgment, he granted their wish and sent Jesus to be crucified.

It is significant that Jesus was crucified between two criminals. To the Jews, this indicated that he was a criminal. It seems likely that the religious leaders had exerted their influence to arrange for this positioning as one more way to humiliate Jesus.

What happened at the moment of Jesus’ death confirmed who Jesus really was—the Son of God (Matthew 27:50-56). The splitting of the curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place in the Temple had deep significance. Not only was it a dramatic supernatural event, but it also symbolized what Jesus had done in his death on the cross. The high priest entered into the Most Holy Place once a year to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people (Hebrews 9:7). That was the only time the priest could enter into God’s presence. When Jesus took our sins upon himself and died for those sins, the innocent Son of God opened the way for us to have a direct relationship with God (Hebrews 10:19-20). The torn curtain symbolizes the way Jesus tore down the dividing wall between God and people—through Jesus, we can all come to God.



Opening Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 4

Action	Supplies
Distribute Banduras.	Banduras
Invite an older child or adult to read the Shema. Remind the Tribe about touching the Mezuzah.	Mezuzah, Shema "scroll" inside the Mezuzah
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
<p>Talk about how even though Jesus' death on the cross was sad, Jesus' love for us shone when he died for us.</p> <p>Ask:</p> <p>❓ How was Mary's heart feeling about Jesus' death? (Referencing the Bible Drama.)</p> <p>❓ How is your heart feeling?</p>	
Pass around the B'samim Bottle, and let everyone smell the spices, tying the comfort of the spices to comfort for hearts feeling sad about Jesus' death.	B'samim Bottle
Affirm each Tribe member by telling each person, by name, that Jesus died for them because he loves them and draw a cross on each person's hand. Remind and reassure everyone this isn't the end of Jesus' story.	washable markers
Choose two Tribe members to make bread in the Bakery when the Marketplace opens.	
Check the daily schedule.	Daily Schedule

Closing Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 4

Action	Supplies
Touch the Mezuzah and pretend to kiss your fingertips.	Mezuzah
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Clean your hands.	antibacterial hand-cleaning supplies
Thank the Tribe members who made the bread. After the Tribe members eat, offer a blessing.	bread, water, cups
Distribute Day 4 Jerusalem News Student Newspapers, and discuss how to show they love God.	Jerusalem News Student Newspapers
Break the Light Stick and shake it so it glows. Ask: ? How does the light stick remind you of what happened to Jesus the day he died on the cross? ? What would you like to tell or ask Jesus now that you know he died for you to show you God's love?	Light Stick from the Tribe Teaching Kit
Read Romans 5:8. Give each Tribe member a Bible Memory Maker and a hug.	Bible Memory Makers, Memory Keeper Bags
Close in prayer.	

Opening Tribe Time (10 minutes)

1. Gather on your home-base blanket, and be sure each Tribe member is wearing a Bandura. Be sure each Tribe member touches the Mezuzah as he or she enters the “home.”

Say: **Let’s go through our family customs and see if we can remember how each one reminds us of God’s love.**

2. Point to the Mezuzah. Ask Tribe members why this is so special. Remind everyone that people in Jesus’ time would have a mezuzah on their doorpost. Let an older child or adult open the Mezuzah and read the Shema (pronounced “shuh-MAH”) aloud while partially covering his or her eyes with a hand. The Shema is the most important command God gave his people and a sacred prayer in Judaism.
3. Light the Oil Lamp. Remind Tribe members how important it was to have light in the home during Bible times. Lead your Tribe in the blessing, thanking God for creating light: **Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of the fire. Amen.**

4. Discuss the day’s Bible Drama to allow everyone to process together what you saw. Talk about how even though Jesus’ death on the cross was sad, Jesus’ love for us shone when he died for us.

Ask:  **How was Mary’s heart feeling about Jesus’ death?** (Referencing the Bible Drama.)

 **How is your heart feeling?**

5. Open the B’samim Bottle, and pass it around the circle. Let each person smell the sweet-smelling spices inside. Talk about how the good-smelling spices comforted God’s people as their Sabbath day ended. Today, everyone can smell the spices and ask God for comfort for hearts feeling sad about Jesus’ death.
6. Talk about what happened yesterday in the Marketplace. Remind Tribe members that Jesus prayed in the garden, for his disciples and all who believed in him, and *Jesus loves and prayed for us*, too! And then Jesus went willingly to the cross for all of us.
7. Affirm each Tribe member one at a time by using a washable marker to draw a cross on the back of each person’s hand while saying: [Name], **Jesus died for you because he loves you.** Remind and reassure everyone that today’s events at the cross aren’t the end of Jesus’ story.
8. Quickly check in with Tribe members about how they accomplished their Daily Challenges yesterday. Who did they pray for or what did they pray about?
9. Choose two Tribe members who will go to the Bakery to make bread for the family to eat at the end of the day. (Remember, they’ll go straight to the Bakery when you hear the Shalom Bell signal that the Marketplace is open.)

The Shema

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV).

10. Look at the schedule provided by your VBS Director. Tell your Tribe where you're headed first today. If you have an Assistant Tribe Leader, you can form two smaller groups (the Assistant Tribe Leader will take one group while you take the other), and decide which shop you'll visit first.
11. When you hear the Shalom Bell, travel to your first location! Then follow your daily schedule until Closing Tribe Time.



Bible Drama Debrief

During today's Bible Drama, Mary Magdalene gave an emotional account of what she experienced the day Jesus was crucified. Her heart was heavy after seeing a wonderful friend and teacher she loved dearly receive a death punishment he didn't deserve. Throughout today's activities, help Tribe members process how they're feeling after learning from Mary what happened to Jesus by asking:

- ① **If you were Mary, what do you think you would have done the day Jesus died?**
- ① **What do you think will happen to Jesus' friends?**



Closing Tribe Time (15 minutes)

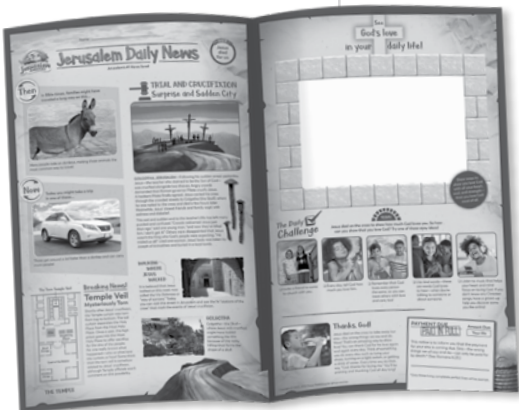


1. Gather in a circle on the blanket. Be sure each person touches the Mezuzah as he or she enters the “home.”
2. Light the Oil Lamp so you have light in your home.
3. Distribute hand-cleaning supplies so everyone can clean their hands while you pour cups of water.
4. Allow each Tribe member to select a portion of bread, making sure any modified for food allergies go to the correct Tribe members. Thank those who made the bread today. After people have eaten, pray to thank God for providing the daily bread.
5. Distribute the Jerusalem News Student Newspapers for Day. Point out the photos in the Daily Challenges section of the newspaper. Talk about how these people are showing that they love God with their heart, soul, and strength.
6. Bring out the Light Stick from the Tribe Teaching Kit.

Say: **This Light Stick is dark right now—no light is shining from it. When Jesus died for us (*Trust Jesus!*), it must have seemed dark, sad, and hopeless. Jesus died, even though he hadn’t done anything wrong. Jesus died to pay for all the wrong things we say and do—our sins.**

7. Bend the Light Stick to break the glass tube inside that’ll allow the glowing chemical reaction to begin inside the Light Stick. You may need to shake the Light Stick some to help it begin to glow. Call attention to how something in the Light Stick had to break in order for the light to start shining.

Ask: **How does the Light Stick remind you of what happened to Jesus the day he died on the cross?**



8. Say: **The Light Stick had to be broken before it could shine. Jesus' body was broken when he died for our sins, so that we could be forgiven and have a forever friendship with God—and a forever life with God in heaven. God's love shines through the brokenness of Jesus' death. That's the bright light shining through the dark day that Jesus died.**

Ask:  **What would you like to tell or ask Jesus now that you know he died for you to show you God's love?**

9. Bring out the Day 4 Bible Memory Makers, and point out the lamb and how it reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice—Jesus is sometimes called the Lamb of God. Then read aloud the Bible verse on the opposite side of the Bible Memory Maker: **“God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us” (Romans 5:8).** Hand each person a Bible Memory Maker, hug him or her, and say: [Name], **God loves you so much that he gave Jesus to die for you.**
10. Close by praying for your Tribe members, thanking Jesus for dying for all of us and taking away our sins so we can live with him forever. Have everyone leave their newspapers and Banduras on the home-base blanket. You can tuck the newspapers in your Tribe Tote or basket until dismissal and leave the Banduras on the blanket for everyone to use again tomorrow.



Helping Children Follow Jesus

At Jerusalem Marketplace VBS, children don't just hear about God's love; they see it, touch it, sing it, and put it into action. As they travel from station to station, they go deeper into their understanding of God. Most important, children learn that because Jesus loves us, he came to die for our sins and make a way for us to live with God forever.

You'll notice that there's no "set" time for children to make a faith commitment. We feel that Jerusalem Marketplace helps children build relationships—with other children, with adults, and especially with Jesus. And since each child is at a different point in his or her relationship with Jesus, programming a time for commitment may be confusing to some children. However, if it's part of your church tradition to include a time for children to make a faith decision, feel free to add it in during Day 4 of Closing Tribe Time or Closing Celebration.

If you sense that a child might like to know more about what it means to follow Jesus, give this simple explanation:

God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus died and took the punishment for all the wrong things we do. But Jesus is stronger than death, and he came back to life! Jesus wants to be our friend forever. When we ask him to, he'll take away the wrong things we've done and fill our lives with his love. Jesus will always be with us and will help us make the right choices. When we believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive us, someday we'll live with him forever in heaven.

You may want to lead the child in a simple prayer inviting Jesus to be part of his or her life. You may also want to share one or more of the following Scripture passages with the child. Encourage the child to read the Scripture passages with you from his or her own Bible.

- John 3:16
- Romans 5:8-11
- Romans 6:23
- Ephesians 2:4-8

If you feel uncomfortable about talking to the child, refer him or her to your church's pastor or another leader who will help the child understand what it means to believe in Jesus.

Be sure to share the news of the child's spiritual development with his or her parent(s) if they're not participating in this VBS alongside their child.



DAY 5

Bible Point: Jesus lives.

Bible Story: Jesus rises from the dead.
(Matthew 28:1-10)

Bible Verse: "Since I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)

Bible Background

The first people to see the empty tomb were the women closest to Jesus. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James arose early to anoint Jesus' body with spices, which was a common burial practice. An angel greeted the women and announced Jesus' resurrection.

It's obvious from Mary Magdalene's response (and from the disciples') that no one expected Jesus to rise from the dead. Only *after* Jesus' resurrection did the disciples remember what Jesus had said. Now they realized that his death was part of the plan all along.

Jesus' death on the cross was an amazing and powerful demonstration of God's love because he offered forgiveness for our sins. But Jesus' resurrection is at the core of our faith. The Apostle Paul eloquently tells us, "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still guilty of your sins...For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:17, 56-57).



Opening Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 5

Action	Supplies
Distribute Banduras.	Banduras
<p>Respond to the opening Bible Drama.</p> <p>Ask:</p> <p>❓ Why do you think Peter had a hard time believing what Mary told him?</p> <p>❓ What could Mary do to help Peter believe that Jesus is alive?</p>	
<p>Ask:</p> <p>❓ When you went home yesterday, how did you show that you love Jesus?</p>	
Invite an older child or adult to read the Shema. Remind the Tribe about touching the Mezuzah and pretending to kiss fingertips.	Mezuzah, Shema "scroll" inside the mezuzah
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Pass around the B'samim Bottle, and let everyone smell the spices.	B'samim Bottle
Choose two Tribe members to make bread in the Bakery when the Marketplace opens.	
Check the daily schedule.	Daily Schedule

Closing Tribe Time at a Glance

Day 5

Action	Supplies
Touch the Mezuzah and pretend to kiss your fingertips.	Mezuzah
Light the Oil Lamp.	Oil Lamp, Flicker Light
Clean your hands.	antibacterial hand-cleaning supplies
Thank the Tribe members who made the bread. After the Tribe members eat, offer a blessing.	bread, water, cups
Invert the toy and let it pop up. Ask: ❓ How did this toy remind you of Jesus?	Praise Popper from the Tribe Teaching Kit
Read John 14:19, and hand out Bible Memory Makers.	Bible Memory Makers, Memory Keeper Bags
Distribute the Day 5 Jerusalem News Student Newspapers. Encourage Tribe members to show others that Jesus is alive.	Jerusalem News Student Newspapers
Close in prayer.	

Bible Drama Debrief

In today's Bible Drama, Mary entered, looking for Peter, who was hiding in the crowd. Once she found Peter, Mary excitedly told him that she had seen Jesus and that Jesus was alive! Although Peter was hesitant to believe—and still fearful of the guards—he agreed to go to the tomb to see for himself.

You'll ask some questions about the Bible Drama in your Opening Tribe Time to help everyone process the great news Mary was sharing—that Jesus is alive!



Opening Tribe Time (10 minutes)

1. Gather on your home-base blanket, and make sure Tribe members have their Banduras on. Remind each Tribe member to touch the Mezuzah and pretend to kiss fingertips.

2. Talk about what happened in Celebration today.

Ask: **Why do you think Peter had a hard time believing what Mary told him?**

What could Mary do to help Peter believe that Jesus is alive?

3. Remind Tribe members that Jesus died for us, taking away our sins and allowing us to have a friendship with God! Talk about the ways each person lived out his or her Daily Challenge yesterday.

Ask: **When you went home yesterday, how did you show that you love Jesus?**

4. Set a tone of celebration and joy with your Tribe to take with you through the entire day. First, you'll celebrate God's love as you review your family customs.

5. Point to the Mezuzah.

Ask: **Why did Jews in Bible-times Jerusalem touch the mezuzah when they entered their houses?**

What can your family do each day to show that you all love and honor God?

6. Lead your Tribe in saying the Shema with everyone closing or covering their eyes.

7. Light the Oil Lamp.

Ask: **What do God's people say to thank God for light?**

What special thing could your family do to thank God for his blessings?

8. Say the blessing of light: **Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of fire. Amen.**

9. Hold up the B'samim Bottle.

Ask: **Why did God's people smell the spices in the b'samim bottle?**

What special thing could your family members do to comfort each other?



The Shema

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV).

—Field Test Finding—

Families participated in Tribes at our field test, and Tribe Leaders were touched as they saw families creating new “rituals” they could use to show their love for God. It still works even if kids’ families aren’t present. Don’t skip this powerful time to connect ancient traditions meant to honor God to modern times and what they can do now to honor God. Pray that God will use this experience to knit families together as they grow in their faith.



10. Pass around the B’samim Bottle, and let each person smell the sweet spices. Pray for your Tribe members, asking God to help them create special family traditions that honor God.
11. Choose two Tribe members who will go to the Bakery to make bread for the family to eat at the end of the day. (Remember, they’ll go straight to the Bakery when you hear the Shalom Bell signal that the Marketplace is open.)
12. Look at the schedule provided by your Marketplace Director. Tell your Tribe where you’re headed first today. If you have an Assistant Tribe Leader, you can form two smaller groups (the Assistant Tribe Leader will take one group while you take the other), and decide which shop you’ll visit first.
13. When you hear the Shalom Bell, travel to your first location! Then follow your daily schedule until Closing Tribe Time.



Closing Tribe Time (15 minutes)

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2. Light the Oil Lamp so you have light in your home.
3. Distribute hand-cleaning supplies so everyone can clean their hands while you pour cups of water.
4. Allow each Tribe member to select a portion of bread, making sure any modified for food allergies go to the correct Tribe members. Thank those who made the bread today. After people have eaten, pray to thank God for providing the daily bread.
5. Say: **Today we learned that three days after Jesus died, he came back to life! I have this cool toy that can help us remember this incredible news about Jesus.** Turn the Praise Popper inside out (see margin photo). With the popper still inside out, place it in the center of the circle and let go. Wait until it pops open and jumps in the air.

Ask:  **How did this toy remind you of Jesus?**

Say: **Wow! The popper jumped in the air! We knew it would do something cool, but it was surprising, too, like how Jesus surprised everyone by coming back to life. I'll bet no one expected that! Jesus lives (Trust Jesus!), just like he said he would.**

6. Bring out the Day 5 Bible Memory Makers. Read the Scripture on the back: **“Since I live, you also will live” (John 14:19).** Hold the Praise Popper inside out on one of your palms so it'll pop from your hand. Call a Tribe member's name, and have him or her come to you when the popper pops. Give the Tribe member a Bible Memory Maker, and say: [Name], **since Jesus lives, you also will live.** Continue in this manner until everyone receives a Bible Memory Maker.
7. Distribute the Jerusalem News Student Newspapers for Day 5. Point out the picture on the front of Mary at the empty tomb. Explain that Jesus lives—he was more powerful than death, and he lives today! Jesus didn't stay dead. He came back to life because Jesus is God's powerful Son and he lives forever with God in heaven—and because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can too. Point out the photos in the Daily Challenge section of the newspaper, and encourage everyone to show others that Jesus is alive.
8. Close by praying for your Tribe members, thanking God for sending each one to your Jerusalem Marketplace. Ask God to be with them and help them to show God's love the rest of their lives. Have Tribe members get any of their remaining Jerusalem News pages and gather their full set of five Bible Memory Makers tucked in a Memory Keeper Bag to take home today.



After Jerusalem Marketplace...

Thanks for bringing God's Word to life in new and unforgettable ways! Your love and time added so much to this awesome program. Here are a few tips for wrapping up Jerusalem Marketplace and carrying the excitement beyond this week!

1. **Return your Tribe Tote or basket to the Jerusalem Marketplace Director.** It should contain all tribe tradition items and any other miscellaneous items left from your last Tribe Time. You could also help with cleanup by folding your Tribe's blanket and placing your Tribe Name Poster on top.
2. **Write down any great stories or insights about the families in your Tribe.** Share these with others and your Jerusalem Marketplace Director so they, too, can see how God worked in your Tribe.
3. **Follow up with the families in your Tribe.** Send a postcard, letting each person know how much you enjoyed getting to know him or her. If you see kids and parents at church or in your community, be sure to offer a friendly hello or even a hug. If you took pictures of your Tribe, attach them in an email or text to your director, thanking them for a wonderful week. Your director can distribute or post the pictures according to your church's policies on posting or sharing photos of children.
4. **Fill out an evaluation form.** Your director may have evaluation forms for all staff members to fill out. Your feedback is important! So share the things you enjoyed and even the things you didn't enjoy. Help make next year's Holy Land Adventure even more exciting!



Glossary



Asher: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel



Benjamin: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel; Jacob's youngest son



b'samim (*BEH-sah-meem*) **box:** a small container filled with sweet-smelling spices. Families smell the spices as a way to comfort their spirits at the end of the Sabbath.

Caesar Augustus: the Roman emperor at the time of Jesus' birth



Dan: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel



Gad: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel

Herod the Great: the king of the Roman province of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth



Issachar (*IH-sih-kar*): one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel



Joseph: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel



Judah: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel



Levi: one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel

Messiah (*muh-SYE-uh*): based on the Hebrew *mashiah*, which means "anointed"; the long-awaited leader and king of the Jews

mezuzah (*muh-ZOO-zuh*): means "doorpost." This small box, containing the Shema, is attached to the upper right-hand doorpost as a sign that the household worships God.



Naphtali (NAF-tuh-lye): one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel



Reuben (ROO-bin): one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel; Jacob's oldest son
Sabbath (SAB-ith): a day of rest and spiritual refreshment

shalom (shah-LOHM): Hebrew word for "peace"; used as a common way to say "hello" or "goodbye"

Shema (shuh-MAH): means "hear"; taken from Deuteronomy 6:4-5, the most important command given to the Israelites



Simeon: (SIM-ee-in): one of the 12 Tribes of Israel

synagogue (SIN-uh-gog): from a Greek term for "assembly"; a Jewish house of worship

Temple: the central place of worship in ancient Jerusalem



Torah (TORE-uh): the first five books of the Bible and the entire body of Jewish biblical teaching



Zebulun (ZEB-yuh-lun): one of the original 12 Tribes of Israel

The 12 Tribes of Israel



Asher
אָשֶׁר

The name **Asher** means "happy." Asher was a farmer. Jacob blessed Asher, saying, "Asher will produce rich foods, food fit for kings" (Genesis 49:20). The date palm on this banner symbolizes Asher's fertile crops.



Benjamin
בִּנְיָמִן

Jacob characterized **Benjamin** as having a vicious and warlike attitude, like the wolf found on his banner. Jacob said, "Benjamin is a wolf that prowls. He devours his enemies in the morning, and in the evening he divides the plunder" (Genesis 49:27).



Dan
דָּן

Dan's name means "judgment." Jacob predicted that the people of Dan would turn against God's people, saying, "He will be a snake beside the road, a poisonous viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so the rider is thrown off" (Genesis 49:17).



Gad
גָּד

Enemies continually harassed the tribe of **Gad** and they were always able to overcome the enemy. This tribe became known as fierce warriors. Jacob said, "Gad will be plundered by marauding bands; but he will turn and plunder them" (Genesis 49:19). The tent on the banner symbolizes a military encampment.



Issachar
יִשָּׂכָר

Issachar was a student of the Torah. Issachar's tribe received fertile lands between two mountains. In Genesis 49:14-15, Jacob said, "Issachar is a strong beast of burden, resting among the sheepfolds...he will bend his shoulder to the task." The donkey on this banner symbolizes the humility and hard work of Issachar's people.



Joseph
יוֹסֵף

Jacob's favorite son, **Joseph**, received a bounty of blessings. Jacob said, "Joseph is a fruitful tree, a fruitful tree beside a fountain...May the blessings of your ancestors be greater than the blessings of the eternal mountains" (Genesis 49:22-26a). That's why you'll find wheat—a symbol of fertility and prosperity—on his tribal banner.



Judah
יְהוּדָה

Judah was one of Jacob's favorite sons, a leader among his brothers. He even offered himself as a sacrifice when his brothers begged Joseph for grain. Jacob blessed Judah, saying, "You will defeat your enemies. All your relatives will bow before you" (Genesis 49:8b). That's why you'll find a lion on Judah's banner—a symbol of strength and power.



Levi
לֵוִי

Levi was cursed along with his brother Simeon. Jacob said, "I will scatter their descendants throughout the nation of Israel" (Genesis 49:7b). Later Levi's descendants obeyed Moses, then Moses made them priests (Exodus 32:25-29). The design on the banner stands for the breastplate (or ephod) worn by Israelite priests. Each stone represents one of the tribes of Israel.



Naphtali
נַפְתָּלִי

The symbol for **Naphtali** is a deer. That's because in Jacob's blessing, he said, "Naphtali is a deer let loose, producing magnificent fawns" (Genesis 49:21). The tribe of Naphtali were swift to rush their troops to battle, unlike other tribes who held back to avenge the lands.



Reuben
רְאוּבֵן

Even though **Reuben** was the first son born to Jacob, he lost his right to half the inheritance and his right to leadership. Jacob said, "Reuben, you are my oldest son, the child of my vigorous youth...but you are as unruly as the waves of the sea" (Genesis 49:3-4a). The wild waves on this banner are a reminder of Reuben's undisciplined nature.



Simeon
שִׁמְעוֹן

Simeon was Jacob's second son. He and his brother Levi took revenge on a prince who had hurt their sister. They stole donkeys, sheep, and even women and children from the town. The city gates on the banner represent the city of Shechem, where Simeon showed his cruelty. Jacob said, "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; cursed be their wrath, for it is cruel" (Genesis 49:7a).



Zebulun
זֵבֻלֻן

The Bible tells us little about **Zebulun**. The book of Judges tells how brave and willing Zebulun and Naphtali were to risk their lives for God's cause. Zebulun was an expert in warfare. The symbol for Zebulun is a ship because Jacob blessed Zebulun, saying, "Zebulun will settle on the shores of the sea and will be a harbor for ships" (Genesis 49:13a).

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