

#### **BIG IDEA**

We can tell others what Jesus has done.

#### **GOD STORY**

Jesus on a Donkey (John 12:12–19)

# **KEY VERSE**

Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us. (Ephesians 5:2a, NIRV)

# 1 | Conversation Starter

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. To lead into today's lesson, discuss:
  - Has anything exciting or fun happened to you this week? If so, what was it?
  - What do you usually do when something special happens to you? Do you like to tell other people about it?
- b. Emphasize how great it is to hear stories about good things! We also enjoy telling stories about things that are important to us.
- c. Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can tell others** what Jesus has done.

# 2 | Watch

#### **SUPPLIES**

Media player

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

 Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

# 3 | Discuss

### **SUPPLIES**

None

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review and discuss the video teaching:
  - In today's Life Story, how did Jenny create opportunities to tell people about Jesus?
  - What stood out to you in the God Story?
  - What would you say if someone asked you, "Who is Jesus? What's the big deal about him?"
  - What's the Key Verse for this series? (The first part of Ephesians 5:2)



# 4 | Activity

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Postcards
- Colouring materials
- (Optional) Lightweight decorative craft supplies (e.g., washi tape)
- Magnets
- Strong tape or glue

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Give each of the kids a postcard and some colouring materials.
- b. Encourage them to decorate their postcards.
- c. As they work on their crafts, discuss:
  - What are your favourite stories about Jesus?
    Why do you like them?
  - Have you ever had a "Jesus experience"? For example, has one of your prayers been clearly answered or have you felt a prompting that you just had to follow through on?
- d. Help the kids use tape or glue to attach their magnets to the backs of their postcards.
- e. Place their crafts on a metal surface as a reminder that we can tell others what Jesus has done!

# **5** | **Pray**

#### **SUPPLIES**

- · Large piece of paper
- Writing supplies
- Bible

## **BFORE THE ACTIVITY**

 In the middle of the paper, print, "What do you love about Jesus? What can you thank him for?"

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Guide the kids to look up John 12:13.
- b. Read the verse together.
- c. Ask: What did the crowds shout?
- d. Highlight that they worshipped and praised Jesus as he passed them.
- e. Read aloud the questions printed on the paper.
- f. Write the kids' responses on the page. Record your own answers, too!
- g. Pray together. Prompt the kids to use their replies to the questions as cues to thank Jesus for who he is and what he's done for them.