




Supplies

- Bible
- smartphone

I Wonder...

Beforehand, do an online search for three to five “riddles for kids” that are age- and church-appropriate.

Remember this part of the Bible story? When Jesus said...

 Read aloud Luke 19:30-31

- ? I wonder...did Jesus’ disciples understand his plan? And how can we trust Jesus when we might not understand his plans?** Tell about a time you had faith in a plan you didn’t fully understand. **What about you? When have you trusted that someone’s plans were good even if you didn’t understand why?**

Hard-to-understand plans might feel a little bit like a riddle. Let’s try to solve a few riddles now!

Read aloud the riddles (however many time allows), and invite answers from various kids.

- ? Which was the hardest of the riddles for you to solve, and why?**

Riddles can feel mysterious, like plans we don’t understand. In the Bible story, people thought Jesus was going to be a certain kind of king—like other kings they knew of at that time. So it probably was confusing, at least at first, that Jesus was very different.

- ? Why do you think we can trust Jesus and his plans even if we don’t completely understand?**

The people in the Bible story still celebrated Jesus as king, and we can do the same! Jesus’ plans won’t always make complete sense to us, but we can trust that his plans are good. So let’s cheer... **Jesus is good news! (Celebrate Jesus!)**





Supplies

- construction paper
- scissors
- markers

Make It Real

Beforehand, write each of the following words on a separate piece of trimmed construction paper (see photo below).

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| ● Celebrar | ● Célébrer | ● Lachog |
| ● Spanish | ● French | ● Hebrew |
| ● Kusherehekea | ● Iwau | ● Vieren |
| ● Swahili | ● Japanese | ● Dutch |
| ● Celebrate | ● Feiern | ● Jashn manaana |
| ● English | ● German | ● Hindi |

Today we're discovering that we can celebrate because **Jesus is good news**. (Celebrate Jesus!) **Jesus is good news for the whole world, for all people, in all languages! Let's make that truth a little more real by exploring the word *celebrate* in different languages.**

Place all the words for "celebrate" face up on one side of the table and all the names of languages on the other side. Have everyone work together to pair languages with words. Then reveal the answers.

❓ **What did you enjoy about matching the words and hearing or saying "celebrate" in different languages?**

❓ **What excites you about Jesus being celebrated in many languages?**

Jesus isn't good news for just a certain group of people or part of the world—Jesus welcomes *anyone* who'd like to be his friend. The people in the Bible story celebrated Jesus, and since then, the good news has been spreading throughout the world. We can keep celebrating and telling others about Jesus because **Jesus is good news!** (Celebrate Jesus!)



Answer Key

Celebrar = Spanish, Celebrate = English, Célébrer = French, Kusherehekea = Swahili, Iwau = Japanese, Feiern = German, Lachog = Hebrew, Vieren = Dutch, Jashn manaana = Hindi



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