

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: When we listen to God, we discover his love for us.

God Story: Jesus' Birth | Luke 1:57-2:7

Supplies needed: character cards, scissors, script, props to use as nativity characters (baby doll, sheet for head, bath robe, wings, halo, sash, etc. Get creative!)

Conversation Starters: Use these questions to get your kids thinking about the Big Idea. Get ideas flowing by sharing some of your own ideas too!

- Who was the last person to tell you that they love you?
- Who was the last person you told that you love them?
- How do you think God feels about you? Why?

Video: watch this week's video at www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax

Pray & Discuss: After the video take time to talk about it together.

- What happened in the God Story? What was the life story about?
- How do you think these two stories connect to our Big Idea (**When we listen to God, we discover his love for us**)?
- **Pray:** God is a part of the conversation with us! You can model for your kids that they can pray to God anytime. You don't need specific words or length but it's great to tell God what you're thinking and ask for him to speak to you and remind you he is near.

Family Activity

Supplies: character cards printout, scissors, script printout, props to use as nativity characters (baby doll, sheet for head, bath robe, wings, halo, sash, etc. Get creative!)

- **Prep:** cut out the character cards so you have one for everybody in your family.
- Explain that today we're going to act out part of today's God Story.
- Have everyone choose a character card, then use the props you have to dress like that character.
- Read the script aloud. As you say each bolded name, point to that character so they can act out what you're describing.
- When you're finished, discuss:
 - What's your favorite part of this story?
 - How did the shepherds discover God's love?
 - How will we remember God's love this Christmas?
- Invite a child to close your time in prayer.

Additional Activities

Angel Shepherd Mary Star

- **Tip:** to simplify this for younger kids, play like a game of Simon Says.
- Teach everyone the following actions:
 - Angel: slowly flap your arms.
 - Shepherd: pretend to carry a staff and hold your other hand at your brow as if you're looking at something.
 - Mary: pretend to rock a baby.
 - Star: stand with your legs apart, hold out your arms, and wiggle your fingers.
- Practice doing each of the actions together. Once everyone knows them, mix up the order and start doing them faster.
- Once everyone has learned, begin playing elimination rounds. Anyone who does the wrong action is out, or whoever does the action last is out. Whoever is left at the end is the winner!

Small Group: Spinner Game

Supplies: spinner activity pages (1 per person), paper clips (1 per person), jingle bell brads (1 per person -- you can Freshdesk these to see if we can supply them), markers, Christmas stickers, Bibles

- **Prep:** create a bag for each family with their needed supplies (or ask them to bring them)
- Instruct everyone to fill in the blanks on the activity page to create your game.
- Stick the brad through the center of the page. Attach the paper clip to the brad to act as your spinner.
- Finish decorating the activity page with markers and stickers.
- When they're done, families can play their games with the help of a Bible. See which family can get to 10 points first.