

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: When we listen to God, we have a message to share.

God Story: The Shepherds share the Message | Luke 2:8-20

Supplies needed: key verse sign

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!

- What's the best message someone has ever shared with you? Who shared it with you? How did they tell you?

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 have a message to share**)?
- **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.

Key Verse Game

Supplies: key verse sign

- **Tip:** This is a version of the game Stella Ella Ola.
- Sit in a circle and place the key verse sign in the middle.
- Direct everyone to place their right hand on top of the person to their right's hand. Their left hands will go under the person to their left's hand.
- Read the first word of Psalm 85:8, which is printed on the sign.
- Reach over with your right hand and clap the palm of the person to your left to tag them to say the next word of the Key Verse.
- Continue around the circle.
- When the last word is said, prompt the next person to say "Psalm 85:8" and quickly clap the hand of the person on their left before they can pull it away.
- Repeat and see how fast you can go. If your family is bigger you could also play elimination rounds 😊

Additional Activities

Share the Message

Supplies: an envelope per family with a message printout inside, tape or rope to mark start lines.

- Have each family line up together behind the start line. Give the first person in each line an envelope with the message enclosed.
- Instruct them to balance it on their belly and race by crab-walking to the opposite side of your space and back (alter the mode of transport depending on physical ability of players).
- Once they cross over the start line, prompt them to pass the envelope to the next player to go.
 - There should be the same # of players in each team. So smaller families may have to have a person or two go twice.
- When the last player has gone, the family should open their envelope, read aloud the message, and sit down.

Small Group

Supplies: Bible

- Ask a family to volunteer to act out the roles of shepherds and angels in the God Story. Read Luke 2:8-20 and have them act as you go. Applaud the family once you're done.
- Have families discuss the following questions together:
 - If you were one of the shepherds, what do you think you'd have told other people?
 - Have you ever tried telling someone about the real story of Christmas? If yes, what did you say? If no, what could you tell someone?
 - What do you think God wants us to share with others today?
- Bring everyone back together and have families share some of their ideas with the entire group.
- Close in prayer for what you shared and discussed.