

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: We can trust God to keep his promises.

God Story: Isaac is Born | Genesis 21:1-7

Supplies needed: paper, hole punch (or a pointy object), string, craft sticks, scissors, glue, markers or crayons, stickers, big idea 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 does it mean to promise something?
- What's something you've promised someone? Did you keep this promise?

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 (**we can trust God to keep his promises**)?
- **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: paper, hole punch (or a pointy object), string, craft sticks, scissors, glue, markers or crayons, stickers, big idea sign

- Give each person a sheet of paper. In the top 2 corners punch a hole. Use string to thread through the holes and tie or tape at the back, creating a way to hang the paper.
- Glue a craft stick a half an inch from the top and bottom of the paper, which will prevent it from curling up.
- Write today's Big Idea on the banner: **We can trust God to keep his promises.**
- Decorate banner as you wish with markers, crayons, and stickers
- As you work, discuss: when you see this hanging up, what will you think about?

Additional Activities

Small Group Chatterbox

Supplies: chatterbox template (1 per person), chatterbox instructions (1 per family), markers (set per family), scissors (1 per family), Bible (1 per family)

- **Leader Tip:** go over how to find verses in the Bible (table of contents, what are the 2 testaments? What are the big numbers and little numbers for?)
- Give everyone their supplies, and review the instructions for how to make a chatterbox.
- Have them make their chatterbox, decorating if they wish, then they can play with them within their family. Encourage them to look up God's promises (verses printed on the chatterboxes) in their Bible.

Promise Prayer

Supplies: promise prayer activity page (1 per family), craft sticks (1 per person), permanent markers (1 per family)

- **Ask:** how did God keep his promise in this week's story about Sarah & Abraham? (They had a son, Isaac.)
- Explain that God makes many promises to us in the Bible, and **we can trust God to keep his promises!**
- Read through the promise prayer activity page together.
- **Discuss:** which of God's promises makes you smile the most?
- Have parents right their kids, and their own, answers on craft sticks. Then have everyone hold their craft stick with their favorite promise written on it.
- **Pray:** dear God, thank you for your many promises. Thank you for... (encourage everyone to take turns thanking God for the promise written on their craft stick). In Jesus' name we pray, amen!