

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: When we listen to God, we hear from him.

God Story: The Prophet Isaiah | Isaiah 7, 40

Supplies needed: key verse sign, key verse activity page, stickers if available, markers

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!

- Whom do you listen to the most?
- Have you ever heard someone speak to you, but you weren't really listening?

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 hear from him**)?
- **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 Activity:

Supplies: key verse sign, key verse activity page (1 per person), stickers if available, markers

- Review the new key verse for this month.
- Give everyone an activity page. Fill in the blanks in the verse with drawings, by writing the words, or by using stickers. You can place this somewhere at home to review our key verse this week.

Additional Activities

Are You Listening?

- Have everyone spread out. Explain that they must listen to your directions and follow as well as they can (you're only going to say them once!).
- Read the following instructions, pausing after each set and inviting everyone to open their eyes to see if they're all in the same position.
 - Close your eyes. Sit down cross-legged and facing me. Raise your right hand in the air and put up two fingers.
 - Close your eyes. Turn yourself around three and a half times, raise your left leg, and put a hand on your head.
 - Close your eyes. Take one big step backward, do a jumping jack, and curl up in a ball on the floor.
 - Close your eyes. Clap your hands twice, kneel down on the floor, and put your hands behind you.
- To wrap up, emphasize that sometimes we hear what people say, but we don't actually listen to what is being said. We never want to do that with God!
- This week's Big idea is **When we listen to God, we hear from him.**

Small Group

Supplies: for each family – A, B, and C signs

- Explain that you will ask a question, and each family will hold up whichever answer they think is right – A, B, or C.
- Read aloud the following questions, pausing after each one for families to choose their answer.
 - This week's God Story was about a prophet named... A. Isaac; **B. Isaiah**; C. Ezekiel.
 - A prophet is someone who... A. makes a lot of money; B. does all kinds of miracles; **C. speaks on behalf of God.**
 - Isaiah's job was difficult when people didn't... **A. listen to him**; B. pay him; C. know him.
 - "Immanuel" means... A. God is awesome; **B. God with us**; C. God rocks.
 - Isaiah prophesied about... A. Jesus' birth; B. Jesus' death; **C. both Jesus' birth and death.**
 - This week's Big Idea is: When we listen to God,... A. he shouts; **B. we hear from him**; C. he asks us to write things down.
- Explain that the prophets in the Old Testament were the people who heard from God. Today, we can hear from God, too! When we follow Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the Holy Spirit "speaks" to us in a variety of ways.
- Discuss:
 - How do you think God speaks to us? (ex: through other people; through an inner voice; through life events; through the Bible; in prayer)
 - Have you ever been quiet and listened for God before?
- Conclude by practicing a listening prayer. Ask everyone to get comfortable, sit quietly, and close their eyes.
- Pray: "God, thank you that when we listen to you, we hear from you. Help us to hear from you."

- Encourage everyone to take a deep breath in and out while they trace around the fingers of one hand with a finger from the other hand.
- Prompt them to pray silently (ex: God I love you and want to hear you) or to be quiet and still.
- Wrap up the prayer time out loud for the group. Ask if anyone felt as if God had a message for them during the prayer. Remind them that we won't all have the same experiences because people hear from God in many different ways. This is just one way you can try.