

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: Jesus is God's son.

Bible Story: Mary visiting Elizabeth (script)

Supplies needed: God so loved activity page, nativity scene cutouts, scissors, glue, markers or crayons

Music: "Away in a Manger" (Little Praise Party: Happy Day Everyday)

Start: Mary's Journey

- Explain that today's story is about Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth.
- Play Follow the Leader, pretending to be Mary on her way to see Elizabeth. You can do actions such as hopping, walking backwards, waving their arms, visiting different rooms in your home, etc.
- Whenever you change the action, say the Big Idea together: **Jesus is God's Son.**

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

Pray & Discuss:

- What was your favorite part of the video/story?
- Do you remember our Big Idea? **Jesus is God's son!**
- **Pray:** "Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your son, Jesus, to be with us. Help us to love you and show others how to love you, too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Craft: God So Loved activity page

Supplies: God so loved activity page (1 per person), nativity scene cutouts (1 set per person), scissors, glue, markers or crayons

- **Prep:** cut out the nativity scene pieces
- Read aloud the verse on the activity page.
- Have everyone complete their page by gluing on the nativity scene pieces and coloring their page.
- As you work, review today's Bible story and remind yourselves that **Jesus is God's son.**

Additional Activities

Small Group

Supplies: strips of construction paper in two colors, scissors, tape (1 roll per family), markers

- **Prep:** cut colored papers into strips, enough for each person to have two.
- Give each family a role of tape, markers, and strips of paper.
- Have families write prayers on half their strips and praises on the others.
- Once they're done, they can tape their prayers in a loop to each other, to create a prayer chain.
- Invite families to share some of the prayers or praises that are on their chain.
- To wrap up, pray "Dear God, thank you that we can celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas. Thank you for loving us! Amen."
- Families can bring their chain home to add to their Christmas decorations.

Jump for Joy!

Supplies: media player, the song "Joy" on Little Praise Party: My Best Friend

- Have everyone spread out. Remind everyone that the baby in Elizabeth's tummy jumped for joy when he heard Mary, Jesus' mommy!
- Explain that you're going to play a song. When the music stops, everyone should jump and shout "JOY!"
- Play until the song ends. For older kids, you may want to eliminate the last person or family to shout JOY when the music stops.

Key Verse Coloring

Supplies: key verse coloring page (1 per person), markers or crayons

- Give everyone a key verse coloring page to complete. They can put this up at home to remind them of the verse throughout their week.