

# Kidmax at Home

**Big Idea:** Jesus is God's son.

**Bible Story:** Mary visiting Elizabeth (script)

**Supplies needed:** nativity animal pictures, nativity activity page, crayons, star stickers

**Music:** "It's Christmastime" (Little Praise Party: Happy Day Everyday)

## Start: Animals in the Stable

Supplies: nativity animal pictures

- Look at the animal pictures together. Talk about what sounds the animal makes, and what they act like. Have some fun pretending to be each of the animals.
- Explain that Jesus was born in a stable filled with animals just like the ones in these pictures.
- Emphasize the Big Idea: **Jesus is God's son!**

**Video:** watch this week's video at [www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax](http://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: Nativity activity page

Supplies: nativity activity page (1 per person), crayons, star stickers if available

- Give everyone an activity page to color. Then they can put star stickers in the sky wherever they like. If you don't have star stickers, you can color the stars in the sky a bright yellow.
- As you work, review this week's Bible story and our Big Idea: **Jesus is God's son.**

# Additional Activities

## Nativity Scavenger Hunt

Supplies: stable picture, toy nativity set OR nativity scene cutouts (1 set per family), scissors

- **Prep:** hide the nativity set pieces around your space.
- Point to the stable picture and announce that baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the animals etc are all missing from the nativity!
- Have families hunt for the missing nativity. If using an actual toy set you may just have 1, and instruct each family to find 1 or 2 parts. If using printouts, you can do a whole nativity per family.
- Once the pieces are found, set up the nativity scene. Then review the story of Jesus' birth.
- Emphasize this month's Big Idea: **Jesus is God's son.**

## Small Group

Supplies: small group questions (turned into star wands if you wish)

- Hold up a question to spark a discussion review of this week's Bible Story. The questions are:
  - What happened in the beginning of the story?
  - Where did the story take place?
  - Who was in the story?
  - What did the people in the story do?
  - What happened at the end?
  - What was your favorite part of the story?
- To wrap up, pray and thank God that Jesus was born!



## Walking to Bethlehem

- **Prep:** create a simple obstacle course using whatever you have available. You could use tape or a rope to make a path, put shapes on the ground to stand in, or just use whatever's around!
- Lead families one at a time to pretend to walk to Bethlehem, just as Mary and Joseph did before Jesus was born. Remind everyone that they were travelling towards the stable where Jesus was to be born.
- Once everyone arrives in "Bethlehem" cheer together and shout the Big Idea: **Jesus is God's son!**