

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: God wants us to know him.

Bible Story: David the Shepherd Boy (Big Bible Storybook pg. 62)

Supplies needed: pom poms, "David in the hills" activity page, key verse sign, sticky notes, markers, wall-safe tape

Music: "Pray Every Day" (Meeting House Kids)

Start: Take Care if the Sheep

Supplies: pom poms, "David in the hills" activity page

- **Prep:** hide the pom poms around the room
- Pretend the pom poms are lost sheep. Ask children to find the sheep and place them on the hills in the picture so the young shepherd can take care of them.
- As you play, talk about what a shepherd does. For example, chat about ways shepherds might take care of their sheep.
- In today's story there's a shepherd from the Bible. His name was David and he knew God. Our Big Idea this month is **God wants us to know him**.

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

Pray & Discuss:

- What was your favorite part of the video/story?
- **Pray:** "Dear God, thank you that you know us and love us! Help us to know you better. We love you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

Family Activity

Supplies: verse sign, sticky notes, markers, wall-safe tape

- Read the key verse aloud together. Remember that in today's story, God looked at what was in David's heart.
- **Discuss:** what do you think God might see when he looks in your heart? (ex: full of love like David, cares for others, happy to share, etc.)
- Write your answers on sticky notes. Tape the key verse sign on a wall in your home with the sticky notes on and/or around it, to remind you through the week that God sees what's in our hearts.
- Pray a simple sentence prayer to thank God for loving us for who we are.

Additional Activities

Shepherd Boy King

Supplies: David and brothers cutouts (1 set per family), scissors

- **Prep:** cut out the characters. Hide the David cutouts around your space. Give each family a set of remaining seven characters.
- Explain that in today's Bible Story there were eight brothers. How many do you each have now?
- Have each family look around for a David so they'll have eight brothers. You could time them to see who does it first.
- Explain that this eighth brother's name is David. In this week's story, God sends a man named Samuel to look for David. God knew David and he knew God! **God wants us to know him.**
- If you want to play again, have one member from each family re-hide their David, then have the others look to find him again.

Key Verse Path

Supplies: key verse sign, key verse cards (1 set per 2 families or so), masking tape

- **Prep:** create key verse paths on the floor. Tape down all sides to avoid tripping.
- Review James 4:8 with everyone. Then have each family take turns hopping from word to word on one of the paths. Prompt them to say the words as they hop from one to the other.
- You can repeat the activity with a variety of actions (ex: crawl, pretend to swim, walk backwards, etc.). Or, make it a contest of which family can create the silliest walk.

Story Puppets

Supplies: craft sticks (2 per person), David cutouts (1 per person), sheep cutouts (1 per person), scissors, cotton balls, glue sticks, crayons or markers, masking tape

- **Prep:** cut out the David & sheep cutouts.
- Instruct everyone to glue cotton balls onto their sheep, and to color the David cutout.
- As you work, review this week's story and emphasize the Big Idea: **God wants us to know him.**
- Instruct everyone to tape their cutouts onto craft sticks to create puppets.