

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: God keeps his promises.

Bible Story: Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 56-61: Son of Laughter)

Supplies needed: big idea sign, 8 small rocks, permanent marker, thankful trees activity page, leaf printout, scissors, glue, markers or crayons

Music: "There are Promises" (Little Praise Party: Taste and See)

Start: Big Idea Rocks

Supplies: big idea sign, 8 small rocks, permanent marker

- **Prep:** write one word of the big idea on each rock: **God keeps his promises**. This will give you two big idea "sets".
- Review the Big Idea with everyone. Then hide the big idea sign, and show them the rocks.
- Explain that each rock has one word from the big idea on it. Work together to put the rocks in order.
 - To make this harder for bigger kids, hide the rocks around your house. And, you could even add the rule that they can only bring the rocks back in order that the words go in the Big Idea.

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 for keeping your promises. Thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your promise that we will be with you forever. We love you! Amen."

Craft: Thankful Trees

Supplies: thankful trees activity page (1 per person), leaf printout (3-4 leaves per person), scissors, glue, markers or crayons

- On each leaf, write or draw something you are thankful for.
- Color the leaves, then cut them out and glue them to the tree activity page.
- Color and decorate your tree. As you work, emphasize being thankful for the promises God gives us and that **God keeps his promises**.

Additional Activities

Small Group

Supplies: prayer pictures printout, scissors

- **Prep:** cut out the pictures so you can show them one at a time.
- Explain that we're going to look at some pictures, and talk about what God might want to tell us about different areas of our lives.
- For each picture, discuss what God might say to us about that area of our lives. Then invite one person to pray a sentence prayer about what the picture shows.
- Conclude by thanking God for all the things he's put into our lives, and asking him to speak to us.

Father Abraham

Supplies: optional music – "Father Abraham" from Little Praise Party: My Best Friend, media player

- Before singing the song "Father Abraham", explain how at the end of each round you have to add another body part that's going to move (ie: **right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around, sit down is last to end it**). On each subsequent round, you keep doing the thing that started at the end of the last. Have some fun with it!

Father Abraham, had many sons

Many sons had Father Abraham

I am one of them, and so are you

So let's just praise the Lord (right arm... etc)

Key Verse Actions

Supplies: key verse sign, wall-safe tape

- **Prep:** tape up the key verse sign where everyone can see
- Review the key verse with everyone. Then practice saying it with the following actions:
God (point to the sky) has made a great (jump) many (jump) promises (jump). They are all "Yes" (thumbs up) because of what Jesus (touch middle fingertip to palm of opposite hand and repeat with other middle fingertip) has done (extend both arms in the air with palms up).
2 Corinthians 1:20 (hold hands together with palms up like a book).