

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: We can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.

God Story: God Speaks | Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22; 18:1-15

Supplies needed: chart paper, markers or crayons, ridiculous story activity page, scissors, glue

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!

- What does the word “ridiculous” mean?
- What’s the most ridiculous thing you’ve ever done?

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

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 (**we can trust God even when it seems ridiculous**)?

Family Activity:

Supplies: chart paper, markers or crayons, ridiculous story activity page, scissors, glue

- Use a marker to divide your chart paper into quarters. Cut along the lines on the activity page, and glue one scene in each section of the chart paper.
- In each quadrant, read the scene and draw it in that section.
- As you draw, discuss what seems ridiculous about each scene and this story.
- **Ask:** do you think it was difficult for Abraham and Sarah to trust God? Why or why not?
- **Ask:** do you think you’d trust God if something seemed ridiculous to you?
- **Pray:** thank God that we can trust him even when a situation seems ridiculous.

Additional Activities

Ridiculous Facts

Supplies: question and answer signs (1 set of questions for leader, 1 set of answers per family)

- Hold up a question sign and read it. Have each family discuss what they think the answer might be before looking through their answer signs. Then when you count down “3, 2, 1” have each family hold up the sign that they think is the answer. The answers are:
 - Scotland’s national animal is the unicorn
 - A zorse is half zebra, half horse
 - A liger is half lion, half tiger
 - The farthest anyone has walked on their hands is 5km
 - A donkey also talks in the Bible
 - The championship hot-dog eater ate 70 of them
 - Methuselah lived until he was 969 years old
 - Sarah gave birth to Isaac when she was about 90
- Ask everyone which answer they thought was the most ridiculous.
- Emphasize that these facts are rather ridiculous. This week’s Bible Story seems ridiculous, too. But **we can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.**

Key Verse Buzz

Supplies: key verse sign, key verse word cards, optional noise makers (1 per family), scissors

- **Prep:** cut up the verse words. Distribute them evenly to each family, as well as a noisemaker
- On the first round, invite one family to choose a key verse word card from their stash. Say the key verse together as a whole group, but when you get to the chosen word, that family must use their noise maker (or say BUZZ really loud) instead of saying the word.
- For round two, family 1 does same, but now family 2 is choosing one of their words to BUZZ on. Continue until there’s a BUZZ with every word of the key verse.

Key Verse Bookmark

Supplies: bookmark cutouts (1 per person), earth stickers, markers (set per family), yarn (1 piece per person), key verse labels (1 per person), hole punch

- **Prep:** hole punch the bookmarks. Create a little pack for each family with the bookmarks, stickers, markers, key verse labels, and yarn inside.
- Have everyone create their bookmark: attach the key verse label, decorate with markers and stickers, and put the yarn through the top hole.
- As everyone works, discuss:
 - What do you think these verses mean?
 - Who was speaking? (God)
 - Who was listening? (Abraham)
 - What did God’s promise mean to Abraham?
 - What does it mean for us as followers of Jesus?