

Kid's Sermon Page: 12/7/22

Bible Story and Worship Theme: Luke 3:1-18, *Close to Home: A Home for All*

Wonder: How many people are too many people to have around your dinner table? How many seats do you have? How many more could you fit in? Let's make that question bigger--how many people are too many people to have in your home? Think about it—how many people do you think could comfortably fit?

In our Bible story today, John the Baptist is with people trying to prepare them for Jesus' coming. He is shouting out for anyone and everyone to listen—God is coming to them. Get ready because what they are doing right then isn't working—at all. So the people ask John what to do and he tells them to share better and make more room. John reminds us that God's love is a love for all people—and that doesn't just mean warm feelings but it means making sure everyone is welcomed and cared for. So if you have 2 coats, give one away. If you have plenty of food—invite more to the table. Our dining rooms may only fit 10 friends right now, but what if got rid of our current table and brought in a much bigger one? That's what John wants to do. Because in God's kingdom there is a home for each one of us.

Draw: How many people can you draw and fit in the house below? Feel free to cram them in—they can stand back-to-back or on each other's shoulders. They could even sit on the roof! It is allowed to be as silly or serious as you choose—just use this drawing as a reminder that John the Baptist is telling us to make room for all.

