

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 168: ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:8-20

That night, some shepherds were out in the fields near Bethlehem watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining around them. The shepherds were very afraid. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I have some very good news for you--news that will bring everyone GREAT joy! Today your Savior was born in the City of David. He is the Messiah, Christ the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger." (swaddling clothes were pieces of cloth wrapped tightly around babies in that time, and a manger was a feeding box used to feed cows and other animals). Then a huge army of angels from heaven joined the first angel, and they were all praising God, saying, "Praise God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace and good will to all men." The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this great thing the Lord has told us about." So they went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger just as the angel had said. When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child. Everyone was surprised when they heard what the shepherds told them. Mary continued to think about these things, trying to understand them, but keeping them to herself. The shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

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“And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”

LUKE 2:9-10-11

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MEMORY VERSE:

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Review Questions

True or False

1. The shepherds were out in their fields watching their kangaroos.
2. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the Glory of the Lord shone all around them.
3. The angel told them, "Don't be afraid. I have some good news for you – news that will bring everyone GREAT joy!"
4. Today a king is born to you in the city of Moses.
5. He is the Messiah, Christ the Lord.

Questions

1. Were the shepherds afraid when the angel appeared to them?
2. What did the angel tell them they would find in the city of David?
3. What happened after the angel told them this good news? What else appeared?
4. Did the shepherds find what the angel told them they would find?
5. After the shepherds told everyone what the angel had said, were they all surprised?
6. What did the shepherds do after they left Mary, Joseph and Jesus?

Lesson 168 Activity

Angels Appearing – Act it out!

Choose a couple of children to reenact the appearing of the angel to the shepherds. Have the child playing the part of the shepherd act frightened at the appearing of the angel. This little play may activate lively response from the class. Be prepared to regain their attention with the attention-getting signal. Sometimes, like the shepherds, we might be afraid, but God is in control of all things. We do not need to be afraid of anything. This angel (which means “messenger”) had a very special message. Can anyone guess what the good news was all about?

Yes, God sent His Son, Jesus. Why did He tell a bunch of shepherds?

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 tells us that “God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” God chooses plain, ordinary people like us to share His good news, to “all” people. [God is our salvation.](#)

Optional: Sing Praise Unto the Lord

Have the children share some of the praise songs they know and like to sing to the Lord. Choose one or two that you know well and lead the children in a short time of praise.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus and the great salvation that is ours through Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.