



Unit 2, Lesson 5

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: THE SHEPHERDS WORSHIP

LUKE 2:8-20

THE STORY HOME

It's a quiet, black night. Scattered over the fields, shepherds are alert in their lonely job; watching over and protecting vulnerable sheep from predators. (Luke 2:8-20) Suddenly a brilliant overhead light illuminates the ground and the shepherds. Each looks up to spot an angel from God. They're naturally terrified but the angel calms them with soothing words and exciting news about the birth of the long-awaited Messiah, the Lord. The angel gives a secret signal—a sign—to know which baby is the true Messiah, “You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Instantly, more angels join the first and they're all celebrating! “Glory to God in the highest heaven.” The angels disappear leaving a dark sky and shepherds who agree to rush to Bethlehem and see what's going on. There they find Mary, Joseph, and the holy Baby, who's lying in a manger... just as the angel said! They worship the young Child—whom they really know is the One to give salvation and eternal life—then go around praising God, telling anyone who will listen.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- How do you feel when you're the *first* to hear exciting news or to do something new?
- What if you heard that someone you've waited a long time for has finally arrived?
- Do you use a sign or a landmark to know who or what you're looking for is right?
- How do you celebrate and tell friends sensational news?
- Why is it important to tell people that you know Jesus, too?

TOGETHER HOME

Using poster board or construction paper, make a cone shape and tape the seam together. Pretend it's a megaphone; now shout out good news this week. Whenever there's a good school day, an accomplishment, a finished chore, a meaningful moment, or if there's a birth, use the megaphone to broadcast it.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Using your homemade megaphone, repeat our memory verse each morning, “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11). Reviewing and discussing this verse helps children internalize the words, the fulfilled promise, and hope.

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