



SHEPHERDS VISIT



Luke 2:8-20

On the night Jesus was born, shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly, an angel stood before them, and God's light shined all around.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring joyful news to all people. Today, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born! He is lying in a manger."

Then a choir of angels appeared. They sang, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace and goodwill to everyone on earth!"

The shepherds rushed to Bethlehem. There they found baby Jesus. They told Mary and Joseph what the angel said.

As they returned to their sheep, the shepherds told everyone what they had seen and heard. All along the way, the shepherds shouted praises to God.



Jesus is God's Son.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Nativity Set- - - **Floor** - cars



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Have preschoolers stand or sit in a circle. Tell preschoolers you will pass the ball to someone in the circle, **but first, I need to share some Good News.** Shout Good News then share something exciting. [I'm going to visit grandma for Christmas this year!] Pass the ball to a preschooler and have them share some Good News before passing the ball to the next preschooler. Repeat until everyone has a chance to share Good News. **We all like sharing exciting news! In today's story we will hear how the angels' shared the best news ever — Jesus came for everyone.**



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Read the Bible story from The Beginner's Bible page 277; or use the video from the jump drive on the TV. Today's video story is located in the December 2025 file.

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the December 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**God loved us and sent us His Son.
1 John 4:10**



ACTIVITIES

DON'T BE AFRAID FREEZE DANCE

- Play the selection of Christmas music for dancing.
- When the music stops — or when the leader shouts **Angels appear!** preschoolers must freeze in place, looking “afraid.”
- After a pause, the leader calls out: **Don't be afraid!** and the kids unfreeze and shout: **Good news of great joy!** while jumping or clapping.
- Keep going for a few rounds, switching up the timing for stopping the music.
- **At first the shepherds were terrified, but the angels told them not to be afraid. The good news of Jesus turns fear into joy!**

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NATIVITY STICKER SCENE

- Hand out a prepared scene paper and a set of nativity stickers to interested preschoolers.
- Allow preschoolers to create their version of the nativity. You may need to assist younger preschoolers with getting stickers off the sheet.
- Engage preschoolers while they work by having identify the different things and people they see on their scene.
- **When Jesus was born, God sent angels to tell shepherds. The shepherds didn't keep the news to themselves. They hurried to see Jesus and invited others to go and see Him too. We can share the good news in the same way!**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.