

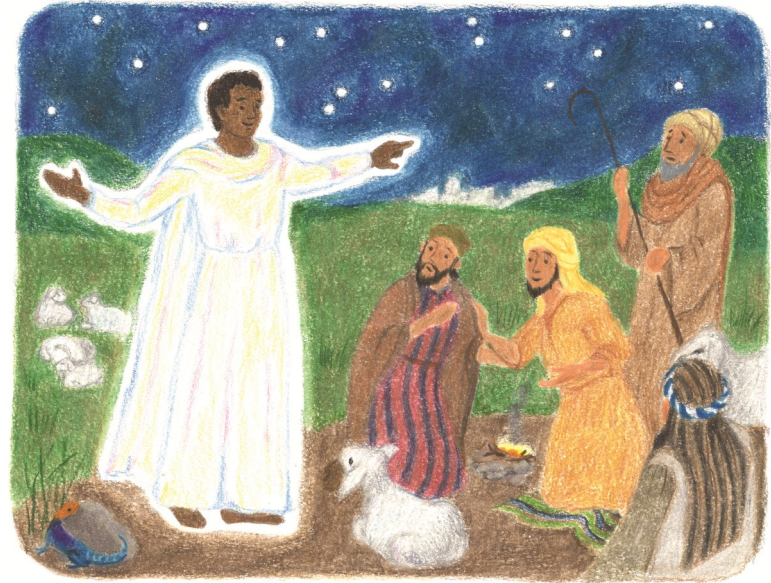
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The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Emphasize that the shepherds weren't fancy or rich people, they were just good people doing their jobs.
- b) Ask the children to think what the shepherds were doing at first—just looking after their sheep, maybe talking to one another. How amazing it must have been to have the Lord's glory shining all round them.
- c) At first, they were afraid when the angel appeared, but think how wonderful this whole experience was! Just imagine the huge number of angels appearing and singing to them. The shepherds went right to Bethlehem to "see this great thing which had come to pass."
- d) When they returned to the fields, the shepherds told everyone what they had seen and praised the Lord with glad hearts, grateful that He had sent the angels to tell them the good news.



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The Lord Sends Angels with Wonderful News

And there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about the shepherds, and they were very afraid.

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people. For to you is born today in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign for you; you shall find the Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a great number of angels, all praising God and saying, “Glory in the highest to God, and on Earth peace, goodwill towards men.”

And when the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord has told us about.”

So they came in a hurry and found Mary and Joseph and the Baby who was lying in the manger. And when they had seen Him, they told everyone about this little Child. And all who heard marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Then the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen.

Luke 2

