

A Spectrum of Responses to the Lord's Birth

Where would you place these people on a spectrum showing how they responded to the news that the Lord had come into the world (or was about to be born)? Who do you think was the happiest about the Lord's birth? Who was least happy?

Mary	Joseph	Angel Gabriel	The Shepherds
Simeon	Anna	The Wise Men	Herod the King

In trying to figure out where to place each name, think about which people best understood the Lord's mission on earth and whether this might have deepened their joy in the Lord's advent.

Note: If desired, you could cut out the names listed above and arrange them along the spectrum, perhaps taping them down when you are done.

When doing this as a group activity, first work on the spectrum individually or in pairs. Then discuss the answers as a group, offering rationales for different placements along the spectrum.

