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Good News for the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20



YOUR BIBLE READING

God's good news brought joy to ordinary shepherds.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Bright Message in the Fields

Luke 2:8-20



In the countryside near Bethlehem, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. Luke begins this scene with people doing their work. Sheep needed watching, and these shepherds were there with them. The account does not name the shepherds or give their number. It directs our attention to the news that reached them while they were away from the town, caring for the animals.

An angel of the Lord stood near them, and God's glory shone around them. The shepherds were terrified. The angel first told them not to be afraid, then announced good news that would bring great joy to all the people. Something far larger than an ordinary interruption had entered their night. The news was not about a distant idea. It concerned a child born that very day in David's town.

The angel identified the child as Savior, Christ, and Lord. Christ means the Anointed One, the promised ruler. The shepherds were also given a sign by which to recognize him: a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a feeding trough. The titles were great, while the sign was humble and specific. They would not need to search for a baby sitting on a throne in a royal hall.

Suddenly, a multitude of heavenly messengers appeared with the angel, praising God. Their praise gave glory to God in the highest and announced peace on earth. The shepherds heard good news joined with worship. The message pointed beyond the brilliance around them toward the child in Bethlehem. When the messengers went back into heaven, the people in the field had heard where to go and what they would find there.

Remember: The arrival of Jesus is joyful news to share.

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Finding and Sharing the Good News

Luke 2:8-20



The shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord had made known to them. They did not remain only discussing the bright appearance in the field. They hurried to the town. There they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby lying in the feeding trough. The sign matched the message. The child they had been told about was there, in the simple setting the angel had described.

After seeing him, the shepherds made known what had been told them about the child. Their report connected the baby with the angel's news of a Savior, Christ the Lord. Luke does not give us a new speech to place in their mouths, but he does tell us that they shared the message. They had become witnesses to something heard and then seen. The news was no longer staying only among the people who had first received it.

Everyone who heard their account wondered at what the shepherds told them. Mary responded by keeping these things and pondering them in her heart. The story makes room for both spoken amazement and quiet reflection. Mary did not have to tell everyone her thoughts for them to matter. She held the words and events together, considering what they meant. Her careful remembering is one of the responses Luke specifically asks us to notice.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. The account emphasizes that it was just as they had been told. Their night had moved from ordinary work to fear, then to news, a journey, and thanksgiving. The final attention rests on God's faithfulness and the child's arrival. The heavenly praise had been followed by human praise from people who had gone to see the baby for themselves.

Pause and think: How do you best remember and share something that fills you with wonder or gratitude?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Hearing, Seeing, and Remembering



The shepherds were workers out in the fields, yet the message reached them. People do not need an impressive title to be worth noticing. In a group, the quiet helper or the person doing an ordinary job may have something important to share. The shepherds' place in this account invites us to listen without deciding that only powerful or famous people can carry worthwhile news.

Luke records more than one good response. The shepherds spoke and praised; Mary treasured and considered. Some people express wonder aloud, while others need time to think quietly. You might remember a meaningful event by telling a trusted person, drawing it, or writing a few words. These are examples for our lives. A quiet response can be thoughtful, and a joyful response can be sincere.

Notice how the sign helped the shepherds connect what they heard with what they found. Careful attention matters when we pass on a story. We can distinguish what was actually said from details we imagine. Sharing good news well includes telling it truthfully, making room for questions, and remembering why the message brings hope.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

The shepherds heard good news, found the child as promised, and returned with thankful praise.

How do you best remember and share something that fills you with wonder or gratitude?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What sign helped the shepherds find Jesus?

2. What did the shepherds do after seeing him?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The shepherds find Jesus in Bethlehem.
- ☐ They share the news and praise God.
- ☐ Angels announce Jesus' birth to shepherds.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the shepherds looking toward the angel's bright announcement.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

The arrival of Jesus is joyful news to share.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Luke 2:10-11

A thoughtful conversation

The shepherds see the baby in Luke's birth account. Keep this visit separate from Matthew's later visit of the wise men.

Activity answers

1. A baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.
2. They shared the news and returned praising God.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, thank you for the joy of Jesus. Help us share good news kindly. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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