

UNIT 10: THE GOD OF PEACE

LESSON 51 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 6-7 SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS SEE THE PROMISE OF PEACE FULFILLED

LESSON AIM: TO KNOW JESUS BROUGHT PEACE JUST AS GOD HAD PROMISED.

PRESET

- Getting Started—Blindfold
 - Advent Scripture Reading—Luke 2:11-14
 - *Bible Memory Verse Song—"For Unto Us" and other related music
 - Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: Table or stand, wreath of greenery with four candles, center candle, matches, Bible
 - *Worship Illustration or Storybook Lesson 51
 - Golden Bowl—pencils & note cards
 - Bibles
 - Timeline—The Birth of Jesus (Circa 0 A.D.)
 - Map—Bethlehem, Israel
 - *Daily Way Lesson 51
 - Treasure Treat—PEACE ON EARTH ornament or magnet
- *Available for download at www.childrensministrywarehouse.net.

NOTES

5. GOT TIME?

SNACK: CHRISTMAS CUPCAKES

GAME: SHARE THE STORY

CRAFT: PEACE ON EARTH WREATH

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: APPEARING ANGEL,
TOSS-A-VERSE

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW

1. THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: "What's your favorite Christmas or praise song?"

GETTING STARTED: SPREAD THE NEWS

2. THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: The Candle of Peace

Advent Scripture Reading: Luke 2:11-14

Bless and collect the offering. Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Worship Illustration or read Storybook

3. THE WORD THE HEAVENLY HOST REJOICE ABOUT PEACE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus to come to the world.

Reveal Scripture Reference: Luke 2:4-18. Pray. Read.

4. THE WAY JESUS BRINGS PEACE TO ALL WHO PLEASE GOD

? What did the heavenly host say when they praised God? (Luke 2:14.)

To have God's favor rest on you means God is pleased with you.

? What do you think pleases God the most? (Respond.) **The Bible says without faith, it is impossible to completely please God. He is fully pleased with anyone who believes in Jesus.**

>Jesus brings three different kinds of peace. Upward Peace: peace between God and us. Inward Peace: inner Peace knowing God loves and forgives us. Outward Peace: peace among all who believe in Him.

? How can you help others find peace with God and with one another? (Tell them about Jesus. Pray for them. Show them His loving kindness. Help them with things they are worried about.)

? What did the shepherds do after they heard the news? (Respond.)
How can you be like the shepherds? (Tell others about Jesus.) **How would you explain the peace God gives to all who believe in Jesus?** (Lead discussion using explanation of peace above.)

>CHRIST CONNECTION> Reveal: Micah 5:2-5a

700 years before the heavenly host praised God for bringing peace, Micah spoke about that peace. (Read Micah 5:2-5a)

THE GOLDEN BOWL> Pray for individual names and the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES>

- TREASURE TREAT: PEACE ON EARTH ornament or magnet
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Heavenly host saying, "Peace on earth!"
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

