



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent**  
**Unit 10, Lesson 51**

## **Advent 4: An Angel Visits the Shepherds**

**Lesson Aim: To know the good news of Jesus' birth is for all people.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: What is the best news you have ever been given?**

**GAME:** Pass the Message

### **THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR**

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 2:9-14.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: The Shepherd's Candle

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD GOOD NEWS FOR THE SHEPHERDS**

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

Review: Jesus was born.

Point to Jesus on Earth (Circa 1-33 A.D.). **Today, we will learn what happened after Jesus was born. Do you remember where He was born?** (Bethlehem.) Point to Bethlehem. **Our story begins at night, in the fields outside of Bethlehem where the shepherds took care of their sheep.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 2:8-18. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 2:11. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE**

**Who were the first people to hear the Savior was born?** (Shepherds.) **How does that show the good news would be for all people? God could have first told kings, priests, or powerful rulers about Jesus' birth. Why do you think God chose the shepherds? Jesus came to save all who would believe in Him. No matter how much money or toys we have, what we look like, where we live, what our families are like, or which school we go to, Jesus was born for all of us.**

**What were the shepherds doing when the angel appeared?** (They were watching over their sheep in the field.) **What does that show you about God's presence in every part of our lives?**

**The shepherds were the first eyewitnesses to spread the good news. What does that show you about who God chooses to tell others about Him?** (We do not need special training or practice to share what we have seen God do.) **Think about who you could share the good news with this Christmas. Ask God to bring that person to your mind and give you the opportunity to spread the good news.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**What was shining around the angel and the shepherds?** (The glory of the Lord.) **Nearly 1500 years earlier, Moses and the Israelites saw it shining on Mount Sinai as Moses went up to get the Ten Commandments. Let's see how the Israelites described the glory of the Lord.** Reveal Exodus 24:17. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **What did the glory of the Lord look like to the Israelites?** (Fire on top of the mountain.) **How would you feel if you saw the Lord's glory?**

**What did the heavenly host do when they appeared?** (Praised God.) **They said "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." What do you think that means?** (Praise God in the highest heavens.) **Jesus would bring peace between God and man to those God favors, those who believe in His Son.**

**What did the shepherds find when they followed the angel's instructions and went to Bethlehem?** (Baby Jesus lying in a manger.) **They went to the manger and saw the miracle for themselves. They saw the Savior!**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Candy cane
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #51
- OFFERING OF ART: The angel telling the good news to the shepherds
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Birthday Party

**GAME:** Good News Balloon Bop

**CRAFT:** Birth Announcement

**DISCUSSION:** Angels

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Appearing Angel, Memory Verse Circle

### **BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**