



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
God of Wonders The Wonder of Advent
Unit 10, Lesson 51

Advent 4: An Angel Visits the Shepherds

Lesson Aim: To know God sent an angel to tell the shepherds about Jesus.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Sheep that Go "Baa"
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Angels from God
- BLOCK AND CAR CENTER: Sharing the Good News
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Taking Care of the Sheep
- NATIVITY CENTER: They Came in a Hurry

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Who are we talking to when we pray? (God.) **Let's talk to Him right now.** Children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, we love You. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to earth to save us. Help us share that good news with others. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES: SHEPHERDS' CANDLE:

The Shepherds' candle reminds us of the shepherds who heard the good news of Jesus' birth from an angel.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14a

THE WORD AN ANGEL BRINGS GOOD NEWS CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold toy sheep. **What animal am I holding? What do sheep say? Do sheep need someone to care for them? What do we call that person? Shepherds work very hard to watch over their sheep.**

Did you know shepherds were some of the first people to hear baby Jesus had been born? Today, we will hear how the shepherds heard the good news. Let's listen. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 2:10.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 2:8-16

Read poem. Display visual.

- The shepherds were out in the fields,
- Watching over their sheep at night.
- An angel of the Lord appeared;
- It was a surprising sight.
- "Do not be afraid," the angel said,
- "For I bring you good news.
- Today in the town of Bethlehem
- A Savior was born for you.
- "You will find Him in a manger;
- The baby wrapped in cloth.
- It is good news for all people;
- He is come to save us all."
- "Glory to God in the highest,"
- An army of angels said.
- The shepherds said, "Let's go and see
- This baby in Bethlehem!"

What kind of news did the angel bring? (Good news.) **What did the angels who were praising God say?** ("Glory to God in the highest.") **That is our Bible Memory Verse. It means praise God who is way up high in heaven.**

THE WAY THE LORD IS WITH YOU

CRAFT: Shepherd Ornament

GAMES: One Quiet Night, Balloons of Praise

SNACK: Happy Birthday, Jesus!

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:8-16

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Glory to God!, Quiet Time
STORY TIME