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**PLAY!** Go outside at night and look at the sky. Imagine what the shepherds saw and heard that night. Draw a picture of an angel and the shepherds. Fold the paper in half with your drawing on the inside. Ask a family member to write "Good News!" on the front. Give the card to someone to celebrate Jesus' birth.

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(God) Open right hand, fingers together and palm facing left, moves upward and then down center of face with fingers facing up.  
(highest) Held together, pointer and middle fingers point to the side and are raised in front of the body.  
Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

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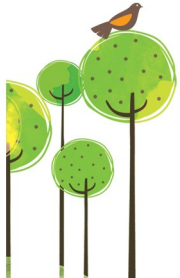
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