



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Glory to God in the highest."

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who comes near. He came near when He sent an angel with good news to the shepherds. We can come near to God today by giving, singing, and praying to Him. Let's start by giving our offering now. Play: "Away in a Manger" as background music while collecting the offering.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

Our Whisper Verse for today is, "Glory to God in the highest." Review the Whisper Verse with the sign language. When we say, "Glory to God in the highest," we are giving praise to God who is way up high in heaven. Our Whisper Verse is the same as our Bible Memory Verse. Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song right now. Each time we sing, "Glory to God in the highest," let's use our strongest, happiest voices and our Whisper Verse motions. Sing: "I Bring You Good News."

#### The Lighting of the Christmas Candles: The Shepherds' Candle

We light the Christmas candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas. Last time, we lit the Angel's candle, Mary's candle, and the Bethlehem candle. Today, we light the fourth candle, the Shepherds' candle. The shepherds heard the good news of Jesus' birth from an angel. Choose a child to assist in lighting the fourth candle.

**WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:** *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook. If you read the storybook, light the fourth candle now.

The angel brought good news that a special baby had been born. Who was that special baby? (Jesus.) We can spread the good news, too, just as the angels and the shepherds did. Sing: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "His One and Only Son."

### THE WORD AN ANGEL BRINGS GOOD NEWS TO THE SHEPHERDS CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned baby Jesus was born in a manger. Today, we will hear about the shepherds who heard the good news of Jesus' birth. Handle the 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.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 2:10. What did the big group of angels say? ("Glory to God in the highest!") Our Whisper Verse tells us. Let's say it together. Include sign language or hand motions.

### THE WAY WE CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

**CRAFT:** Shepherd Ornament

**GAMES:** One Quiet Night, Balloons of Praise

**SNACK:** Happy Birthday, Jesus!

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** Luke 2:8-16

**CRAFT:** Advent Wreath

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Memory Verse Echo  
**STORY TIME**