



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 2:8-16. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE

Who appeared to the shepherds in the field outside of Bethlehem? (The angel of the Lord.) **It was a miracle! The glory of the Lord shone around them. The glory of the Lord is God's goodness. It must have shone bright around the shepherds! How did the shepherds feel when the angel spoke to them?** (They were afraid.) **How might you feel if an angel visited you and your friends one night?**

The appearance of the angel and the glory of the Lord was a miracle. The angel brought them good news of an even greater miracle. What good news did the angel bring? (The Savior, Christ the Lord, had been

born.) **A savior is someone who saves or rescues others. Jesus was a very special baby who would one day grow up to save us.**

Jesus is so important—He is God's only Son! You would think kings or religious leaders would be the first to hear about His birth, but who were the first people the angel told? (The shepherds.) **The shepherds were just regular people. Who did the angel say the message of His birth was for?** (All people.)

Was Jesus born for rich people? (Yes.) **Was Jesus born for poor people?** (Yes.) **Was Jesus born for parents?** (Yes.) **Was Jesus born for children?** (Yes.) **The good news of Jesus' birth is for everyone.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

After the angel announced to the shepherds that the Savior was born, who suddenly appeared with the angel? (A great company of the heavenly host.) **The heavenly host was heaven's army. Check out how David described the angels and the heavenly host 1000 years earlier.** Reveal Psalm 103:20-21. Read.

How does David describe the heavenly host? (God's servants who do His will.) **What do you think it sounded like when the heavenly host (heaven's army) praised God that night?**

What did the heavenly host do when they appeared? (Praised God.) **They praised God and said "Glory to God in the highest." Where else have you heard those words?** (Our Bible Memory Verse.) **Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song and imagine what it would have been like to be the shepherds in the field that night.** Lead children in singing the Unit 10 Bible Memory Verse Song.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Candy cane
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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