



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King  
Unit 10, Lesson 51

## Advent 4: Worshiping the King

Lesson Aim: To understand worship  
as a lifestyle.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite way to celebrate Christmas?

**GAME:** Shepherd Race

### THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: The Shepherds' Candle

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 2:20

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

### THE WORD THE SHEPHERDS PRAISE GOD

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

Review: God chose Bethlehem as the birthplace of King Jesus.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Jesus on Earth (Circa 1-33 A.D.).

**Let's read what happened right after baby Jesus was born.** Reveal

Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 2:8-20. Find It First. Highlight Key

Verse: Luke 2:20. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY WORSHIP EVERYWHERE, EVERY DAY

**What was the good news the angel announced?** (Jesus was born as Savior, Christ, and Lord.) **This story not only shares that good news, it shows us many different ways we can worship God. We worship when we praise Him, tell others about Him, and when we think about Him. Name all the ways God was worshiped in this story.**

(Angel announcing, host praising, shepherds going to see Jesus, shepherds spreading the word, Mary treasuring and pondering, shepherds praising.)

**List the places where this story took place.** (Fields, manger, shepherd's return home.) **Worship is not something we only do at church. It is a way of life.**

**What were the shepherds doing when the angel appeared?** (They were in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks of sheep.) **The shepherds were working in their regular workplace when the angel appeared. Where do you do your work? Do you believe God can be with you and communicate with you while you are working?**

**Who suddenly appeared with the angel?** (The heavenly host—heaven's army.) **They praised God and said, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." What do you think that means? What did the shepherds do when the angel and the heavenly host went into heaven?** (Hurried to find baby Jesus.) **They went to find the Savior. Where can you go to find the truth about Jesus for yourself?** (The Bible.) **How did everyone react when the shepherds told them what the angel said about Jesus?** (They were amazed.) **Have you told others about Jesus? How have they reacted?**

**What did Mary do after she heard from the shepherds?** (She treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.) **What is an amazing truth about Jesus that you have treasured or thought about lately?**

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

**In today's story, the heavenly host spoke of His glorious majesty by saying, "Glory to God in the highest." The shepherds told of His mighty acts. Mary meditated on His wonderful works. One thousand years before that happened, David described those same ways of worship. As we read what David said, raise your hand each time you hear one of the ways that the angel, heavenly host, shepherds or Mary worshiped Jesus.** Reveal Psalm 145:4-5. Find It First. Highlight. Have children read Psalm 145:4-5, pausing after each phrase to allow time for children to recognize similarities in worship style. Discuss examples of how we can worship God as David did in this Psalm.

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

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Candy cane shaped like a shepherd's staff
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #51
- OFFERING OF ART: Shepherds running to see baby Jesus in the manger
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Christmas Birthday Cupcakes

**GAMES:** Keep Up the Praise, Disappearing Angel

**CRAFT:** Shepherd's Staff Ornament

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Crown Toss, Royal Musical Chairs

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**