

Worship Illustration: Storybook

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello

Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King

Unit 10, Lesson 51

## Sing Praises to Our King

Advent 4: Celebration of the King Luke 2:8-20

Delbert and Lello found Ranger Ryan down by the stream. The night was getting cold and Ranger Ryan had wrapped himself in blankets. He was laying on his back and looking up. The two friends were curious.

"Haw, what are you doing Ranger Ryan?" Delbert asked.

"Hello there, little ones. I was just looking at the stars and thinking about shepherds," Ranger Ryan replied.

"Baa. I know what shepherds do—they take care of sheep like me," Lello said softly.

Ranger Ryan laughed. "That's right, Lello. The shepherds I'm thinking about lived when Jesus was born."

"Haw. Will you tell us the story of those shepherds?" Delbert asked, plopping down next to Ranger Ryan.

Ranger Ryan agreed to tell them the story of the shepherds. He invited Lello to sit down on the other side of him. The three lay back and looked up at the stars as Ranger Ryan began.

"This is really a story about one of the first times people praised King Jesus," Ranger Ryan said. "Remember the last story I told you?"

"Yes, you told us about baby Jesus being born in a manger in Bethlehem," Lello answered.

"That's right. Out in nearby fields, shepherds took care of their sheep. While they were there, an angel came and visited them," Ranger Ryan continued.

"Haw! An angel? What did the shepherds do?" Delbert wondered.

"The shepherds were afraid, but the angel told them not to worry. The angel said, 'I bring you good news. A savior has been born to you." Ranger Ryan answered with a smile.

"Baa, did the angel mean baby Jesus?" Lello asked Ranger Ryan.

"Yes, they did. The angel told the shepherds where to find baby Jesus and so the shepherds hurried off to the manger to praise Him. Right after the angel spoke to the shepherds, the sky filled with angels praising God," Ranger Ryan finished.

"Haw! Wow! I bet that was beautiful. I love to praise God, too," Delbert exclaimed as he jumped up and started to sing.

Ranger Ryan and Lello watched Delbert dance and sing. When his song was over, they clapped and laughed. Ranger Ryan leaned back to look at the stars again. Softly, Ranger Ryan began to sing a song about baby Jesus. Delbert and Lello listened quietly. While they looked at the stars, they each thought about that special night when the shepherds heard from the angel that baby Jesus was born.