



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 51

Advent 4: Worshiping the King

Lesson Aim: To spread the word and praise God
as the shepherds did.

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 PRAISING GOD

Where were the shepherds when they heard the angel? (In the fields.)

What were they doing? (Watching their sheep.) **The angel said the good news was for all people. What was the good news? Listen as I read it.** Reread Luke 2:11. **Who did the angel say the baby was?** (The Savior, Christ the Lord.) **Where did the angel say the shepherds would find this baby?** (Wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger in Bethlehem.)

Who appeared with the angel? (The heavenly host—heaven's army.)

They said, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." They were giving God the highest credit and praise, and saying there would be peace to those who please God. Where did the angel and heavenly host go when they left the

shepherds? (Into heaven.) **What did the shepherds do?** (Hurried to find baby Jesus.) **What would you have done if you had just heard and seen the angel and the heavenly host?**

What did the shepherds do after they saw baby Jesus? (Told everyone what the angel had said about Him. Went back to their fields praising God.)

The shepherds listened to the good news from the angel. You have listened to that same good news. They went to find the Savior. **Where can you go to find the truth about Jesus?** (The Bible.) **They discovered everything the angel said about Jesus was true and they spread the word. How can you spread the word about Jesus?** Choose a child to describe in his or her own words what the shepherds saw and heard that night. **On the way back to their fields, the shepherds praised God for all they had heard and seen. On your way home, you can praise God for all you have learned about Jesus today.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

When Jesus was born, the heavenly host spoke of His glorious majesty by saying, "Glory to God in the highest." The angel and the shepherds told of His mighty acts. They proclaimed His deeds. Mary meditated on His wonderful works—that means she pondered them in her heart. One thousand years before, 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 between David, the angel, heavenly host, shepherds, and Mary.

If time allows, play KEEP UP THE PRAISE in the GOT TIME? segment.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Candy cane shaped like a shepherd's staff
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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