



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Prophets & Promises:
Advent of the Promised One
Unit 10, Lesson 51

Advent 4: Shepherds See God's Promised Son

Lesson Aim: To praise God as the shepherds did
when they saw baby Jesus.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: The Shepherds See Jesus
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: For the Baby
- BUBBLE CENTER: Jesus Is Born!
- NATIVITY CENTER: Act It Out!

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Let's start Praise Time with prayer. Who are we talking to when we pray? (God.) Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, we praise You for sending Your Son Jesus to us. We praise You for everything You have done for us. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Lighting of the Christmas Candles: The Shepherds' Candle

We light the Christmas candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas. Today, we light the Shepherds' Candle to remember the shepherds praised the Lord for sending baby Jesus as He had promised. Light the four candles.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions.
"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Psalm 118:1a

THE WORD THE ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS PRAISED GOD CLASSROOM PROMISE

Today, I brought a candy cane. Candy canes have been around for a very long time. Sometimes we hang them on Christmas trees and other times we just eat them. But, did you know candy canes can help us remember the Christmas story?

Hold candy cane right side up. If you look at the candy cane like this, it looks like a shepherd's staff which is a long stick that is curved on the end. Shepherds use them to keep the sheep from wandering away. In our story, we will hear about the shepherds who ran to see baby Jesus.

Hold candy cane upside down. Can you tell me what letter the candy cane looks like when it is upside down? ('J.') Jesus' name starts with the letter 'J.' When do we celebrate Jesus' birthday? Next time you see a candy cane, let it remind you of the Christmas story. Then, you can tell others how the shepherds saw baby Jesus. Let's listen. Hold Bible open to Luke 2:16.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 2:8-20

Read poem. Display visual.

- An angel announced to the shepherds,
- "Fear not, I bring good news.
- The baby you'll find in Bethlehem
- Is the Savior born for you!"
- The shepherds saw the heavenly host;
- Heaven's army in the sky.
- The heavenly host said, "Peace on earth"
- And "Glory to God on high!"
- The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem
- To see the baby born to save us.
- All the way home they praised the Lord,
- Who kept the promise that He gave us.

Where did the shepherds find baby Jesus? (Lying in the manger.) Who did the angels and the shepherds praise? (God.)

THE WAY PRAISING GOD FOR SENDING HIS SON

CRAFT: Heavenly Host and Shepherds

GAMES: Good News Angel, Praise God!

SNACK: Shepherds' Sheep

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:8-20

CRAFT: Advent Crown Wreath

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Pass the Gift, Give Thanks Bubbles
STORY TIME