



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Praise the Lord."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God of Peace. God gave us peace when He gave His Son Jesus. After the angel told the shepherds baby Jesus was born, the sky filled with the heavenly host, the army of heaven. They praised the Lord saying, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth." Sing: "I Bring You Good News."

The angel, the heavenly host, and the shepherds all praised the Lord. We can praise Him, too. Our Whisper Verse says, "Praise the Lord." Review the Whisper Verse together: "Praise the Lord." Include sign language. Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath." Include the Whisper Verse sign language when singing the lyrics, "Praise the Lord."

We praise the Lord because of who He is. We thank Him because of what He has done for us. Sing: Unit 10 Bible Memory Verse Song "Give Thanks to the Lord" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

The 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. Child assists in lighting the four purple candles.

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

When the shepherds saw baby Jesus, they praised the Lord. Let's praise Him now with a favorite Christmas hymn. Sing: "Away in a Manger" or a favorite traditional Christmas hymn.

THE WORD THE HOSTS AND SHEPHERDS PRAISED THE LORD CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Today, we will hear how God sent an angel to tell the shepherds the good news of baby Jesus' birth. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it 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.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 2:16 from the teacher's Bible.

Who did the heavenly host and the shepherds praise? (The Lord.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Praise the Lord." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY PRAISING GOD FOR SENDING HIS SON

CRAFT: Heavenly Host and Shepherds

GAMES: Good News Angel, Praise the Lord!

SNACK: Shepherds' Sheep

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 2:8-20

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Pass the Gift, Shout It Out

CRAFT: Advent Crown Wreath

STORY TIME