



The Shepherds Story Luke 2:8-20

Imagine, the first people who heard about the birth of Jesus were not important Kings or officials or rich pop stars but us, poor humble shepherds, out on a hillside.



There we were, outside Bethlehem, on a hillside, caring for the sheep which belonged to my master. We were just sitting there, minding our own business, WHEN....BOOM



Suddenly we saw a really, really bright light.... We were TERRIFIED... I was shaking all over... I just cuddled a sheep!



An Angel appeared, a really super bright Angel. He was God's angel and He had a really important message for us simple folk.



The Angel told us not to be afraid. "Good news I bring," he said. And he told us about a little baby called Jesus, the Saviour of the world. "He will bring great joy to all the people," the angel said. "You will find the Baby in Bethlehem (David's town), wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger; a box for animal food."



Amazingly the sky was filled with an army of angels singing, "Glory to God, and peace to all people with whom he is pleased!" Can you imagine how bright the light was and how amazing the sight of all those Angels!



We were amazed, shocked, stunned... "Let's go to Bethlehem and see the Baby," said my mate Seth. So off we went, we even took some sheep!



In Bethlehem, we found Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. Honest, we told everybody' who would listen, what we had seen. Everybody thought it was incredible.

Mary, Jesus' Mum, I could see her thinking hard about all this, what a shock for her!



Mary remembered what we said about the Angels. She was beginning to understand that this Baby must be somebody really, really special.

We went back to our sheep singing praise to God. Everything we saw was just as the Angel had said.

The Angel told the Shepherds'

'Don't be afraid. I am bringing you very good news from God.'
Luke 2:10

You see children, Jesus is very good news! Jesus is God's Son, God coming to live with us in our human lives. When Jesus grew up, he died on that horrible cross; he took all the wrong things we do on himself, so that we can be good enough to be friends with a Holy God.

We can be a friend of God. Even better still, when our lives are over, we can be confident that God has a place, got ready, for us, with Him.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful news that you gave to the shepherds. Thank you for coming to this earth as a baby and growing up to be my Saviour and my friend. Thank you, Jesus.

Amen

If we want to be friends with God, we can just ask him. We only have to say sorry for the things we do wrong and ask HIM to come into our lives and help us.

[The Story of the Shepherds told by Heather](#)

[Jesus and the Shepherds](#) a little film

The Shepherds saw an Angel
Luke 2:8-20



ANGELS TOLD SHEPHERDS ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH

Draw another angel
in the sky. Then color
the picture. Read the
shepherds' story in
Luke 2:8-17.



**“For unto you is born this day ... a Saviour, which is Christ
the Lord.”**

— Luke 2:11 (KJV)

Baby Jesus and the Shepherds Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

A S T R U D D O L O R E M V E
N F E T F A D I T F I U A C I
G L T S A V I O R E F D R L I
S O N I M F D A L E S S Y N T
F C O F D O L N R T I S I T F
D K T F Q U A G E T F W I S I
F S L A N F I E L D S F I H C
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ANGEL
BETHLEHEM

FIELDS
FLOCK

JESUS
JOSEPH

MARY
SAVIOR

SHEEP
SHEPHERDS

Help the shepherds find the path to Jesus.

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