

SHEPHERDS VISIT BABY JESUS

Bible Reference: Luke 2:8:20

Date: 12/14/25

Age: 2's/3's

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"God loved us and sent His Son"

1 John 4:10

Theme:

God Sent us

Jesus

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40**
- **Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40**

Notes and Reminders

We have two weeks left until Christmas! We pray that you are encouraged by how you see God moving in your Oikos and the way you see God work in the lives of the children in your class this week!

OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

Make a Mural

- Over several weeks, the children will decorate several posters to create a mural for their room. as children are interested, allow them to decorate/ color a poster and hang it on a wall, with space for the other pictures to be added. This week, the children will decorate a star during first service and a shepherd during second service.
- SAY Today we are going to learn when the shepherds were told about baby Jesus . We decorated a poster of the star they followed to find him! Let's hang it on our wall so that by Christmas we will have a big picture of the Christmas story!

Glory to God in the Highest!

- Show the children how to crouch down low and then jump up in the air. instruct the children when they pop up to say "Glory to God in the Highest!"
- SAY Wow! You all jumped so high! In our story today, we will learn about angels who worshipped God just like this!





Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story


9:15-9:30

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 277-281 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

Shepherds Visit (Luke 2:8-20)

- On the night Jesus was born, shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly, an angel stood before them, and God's light shined all around.
 - The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring joyful news to all people. Today in the town of Bethlehem a Savior has been born! He is lying in a manger."
 - Then a choir of angels appeared. They sang, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace and goodwill to everyone on earth!"
 - The shepherds rushed to Bethlehem. There they found baby Jesus. They told Mary and Joseph what the angel said.
 - As they returned to their sheep, the shepherds told everyone what they had seen and heard. All along the way, the shepherds shouted praises to God.
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Craft/Coloring Page

9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: God sent us Jesus!

Pass out the picture with shepherd, sheep, and Jesus in manger. Have them color the shepherd. Help them glue cotton balls on the sheep and tape a brown shepherd's crook to the picture.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to complete. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



Friends from Afar

9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:50-10:05

Use the music sheet in your bin to teach the children some well known Christmas tunes. There is also a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, Thank you for sending us Jesus. Thank you for helping the shepherds to listen to the angel. Help us to listen to you. In your name we pray, Amen.

Memory Verse

- "God loved us and sent His Son." 1 John 4:10
- This is the children's third week learning this verse. Review the motions and teach them to any children who have not learned them yet.
 - God- Point up
 - loved us- lay your hands over your heart
 - and sent us- point forward
 - His Son- make a motion like you are rocking a baby
 - 1 John 4- hold up 4 fingers
 - 10- hold up all 10 fingers
- Have the children join you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.

Snack Time at Tables

10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





Free Choice Play

10:15-10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





Shepherds Visit

Luke 2:8-20

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shepherds were watching their sheep.
Suddenly, an angel stood before them,
and God's light shined all around.



The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring joyful news to all people. Today, in the town of Bethlehem, a *Savior* has been born! He is lying in a manger."



Then a choir of angels appeared.
They sang, "Glory to God in the highest!
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The shepherds rushed to Bethlehem.
There they found baby Jesus.
They told Mary and Joseph
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As they returned to their sheep,
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had seen and heard. All along the way,
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Shepherds Visit Jesus (Luke 2:8-20)



“God loved us and sent his Son.” 1 John 4:10

Shepherds come to greet Jesus.

Luke 2:8-20

The nighttime sky was dark. Out on a hill, some men were sitting together. They were shepherds who were taking care of a flock of sheep. Suddenly, there was a very bright light in the nighttime sky. And right before their eyes they saw an angel! The shepherds were very frightened!

"Do not be afraid," the angel said to them. "I have good news for everyone! Tonight in the city of Bethlehem, Jesus, the Savior, is born! You will find the baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger."

Before the shepherds had a chance to say anything, the sky was filled with more and more angels. The angels praised God and said, "Glory to God in the highest!" The shepherds listened as the angels praised God for sending Jesus to be born.

When all the angels had left, the sky became quiet and dark once more. The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. We want to see this baby the angel told us about!" They hurried down the hillside and ran along the road to Bethlehem.

When they found the stable, they saw Mary and Joseph. They quietly came near to see the baby. There was baby Jesus lying in a manger, just as the angel had said.

The shepherds were so excited that they told everyone the good news as they went back to their sheep. "Jesus is born! Jesus is born in Bethlehem!" they said. The shepherds thanked God for sending His Son, Jesus.