For Parents!

I Will Share Joy!

From Professor Playtime's Christmas Shop of Wonders Jr.
Lesson 4

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - JOY
Great leaders know that it is important to share the joy of Jesus' birth and life with others.

LEADERSHIP LESSON
Your children will learn that they should share the joy of Jesus with others.

LEADERSHIP STORY
The angels and shepherds share the good news of Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

WHAT DO I DO?
First:
Read the Leadership Story to your children. The Leadership Story for this lesson is about the angels and shepherds sharing the news of Jesus in Luke 2: 8-20.

Next:
Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Share Joy*.

Then:
Complete the Child Leadership Questions, and lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: SONG OF JOY

Tell your family that you are going to practice sharing joy together by singing a Christmas song. Ask them to sing along with you. Instead of singing out loud, "sing" the song in your head. You can bob your head and move a little bit so they know you are "singing." When they have complained that they can't sing along with you, ask them why they were not able to sing. You were not sharing the song you were singing with them so they could not sing with you.

Now, go ahead and sing the song out loud. Invite them to sing, dance, and clap with you. When you are finished singing together, talk about how you were able to share the joy of the song when you sang it out loud and did not keep it all to yourself. Sharing the joy of Jesus is like that, too. We know the joy of Christmas and Jesus, but if we keep it to ourselves then we are not sharing it with others! Let's be like the shepherds and share the joy of Jesus with everyone around us!

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your children memorize this verse.
"...the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

1 John 4:14b (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Share Joy

Materials Needed:
- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Will Share Joy*
  (Filename: Elevate_JOY_PPSWJr_L4_IWillShareJoy.mp4)

Child Leadership Questions:
1. What was Holly upset about when she came into the store?
   (Her neighbor was singing and woke her up.)

2. To help Holly understand about joy, Professor Playtime told her a Bible Story about Mary and Joseph. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. Where did Mary and Joseph end up staying?
   (With the animals.)

3. That night, Jesus was born. Who appeared to the shepherds to tell them of Jesus' birth?
   (An angel.)

4. What did the shepherds do when they heard the news?
   (They went to see Jesus.)

5. How did the shepherds feel after seeing Jesus? Did they feel joy or feel sadness?
   (Joy.)

6. The shepherds shared their joy and you can, too! When you see someone feeling sad, should you share something happy with that person or do something that will make him or her sad?
   (Share something happy.)

Because you know the joy of Jesus, you can share that joy with others, too.

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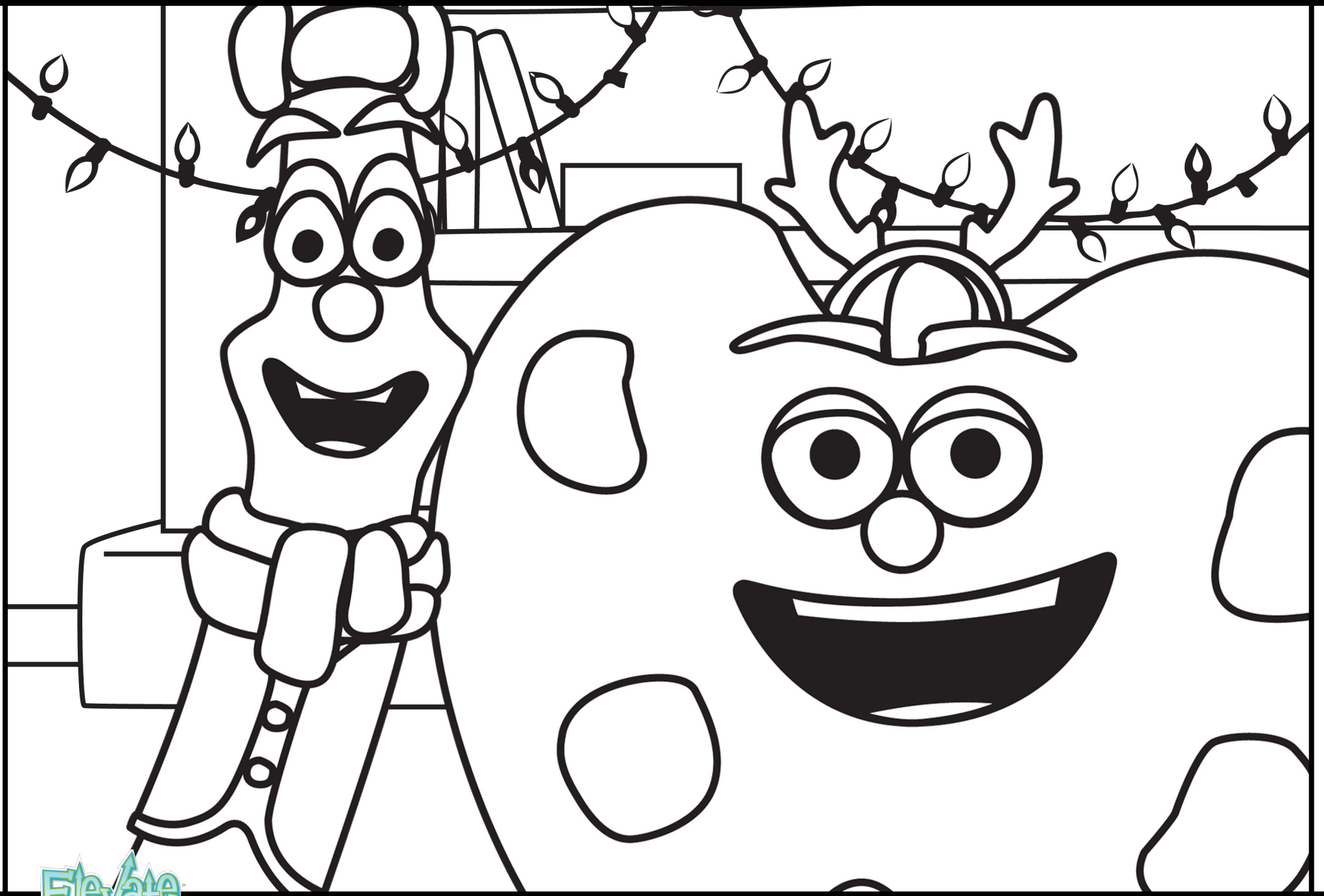
On the night Jesus was born, Angels appeared to some shepherds. (Luke 2:8-20)

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The shepherds visited Jesus and praised god for what they had seen. (Luke 2:8-20)

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