

Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	<p>Welcome kids</p> <p>Collect the offering: For clean water in Africa! You can also talk about when they bring the clean water to the village, they share about Jesus.</p> <p>See the new chart!!! I update this chart after each Sunday, you don't need to do this.</p>	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: Noah Carruthers	
2 minutes	5-6	<p>"Friends, come close and listen! Remember the shepherds on the hillside the night Jesus was born? They were just doing their normal jobs when suddenly God's angels told them the best news ever—that the Savior had come! The shepherds didn't keep the news to themselves. They hurried to see Jesus, and then they ran to tell everyone they could.</p> <p>Today, we gather just like those shepherds—ready to hear the good news, to celebrate Jesus, and to share His love with others. Let's worship with joyful hearts, because the Savior has come!"</p>	Bible
8 min	7-8	<p>Jesus Joy of the Highest Heavens – trying without words today!</p> <p>Please practice the second verse more!</p>	

1	11	Memory Verse!	
	12	Go tell it on the mountain	
5	13	See notes about the Shepherds	
3 minutes	14	Watch the video about shepherds	powerpoint
	16	Talk about the candy cane and symbols of it. See notes.	
2 minutes	17	<p>Pray with the kids</p> <p>Lord, thank You that we get to worship you. Thank you for being a wonderful God, who loves us, takes care of us, and made us to worship.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	
		<p>Advent Project for Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read the Bible at home and scratch off the scripture! 	
1 minute	18	<p>Do the blessing with them:</p> <p>May the Lord Bless You and Keep you.</p> <p>May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."</p>	

LARGE-GROUP BIBLE LESSON – 15 Minutes

Description: Teach a Bible lesson on Luke 2:15-20 (NIRV) to help kids learn that we can worship God by telling others about Him.

Supplies: Bible

Content Graphic: Title slide

Say: **As we continue through the Bible story, today we are going to look at the shepherds and how they worshiped Jesus.**

But first, who can tell me what worship is? (let children respond: Worship = a whole-life response to God and His Greatness)

CG: Worship Slide

Who can raise their hand and tell me what kind of worship did we talk about last week? (worship with song and music) **And who worshiped like that?** (the angels)

Yes, the angels worshiped with song and music, and we just did that with our praise and worship time, but today, we are talking about a different kind of worship.

Wait, what is worship again? (let children respond: A whole-life response to God and His greatness.)

That's right! That means that worship is more than just singing songs. It can be part of what we do every single day.

We were introduced to these people last week, but today, we're going to see how they worship. We are going to see how the shepherds responded to God and the greatness of the birth of Jesus.

So let's keep reading in our Christmas story and find out.

Read Luke 2:15-20.

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see if they could find the baby the angels were talking about, and what did they find? They found the baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph just as the angels had said they would!

But did you notice what they did after they met Jesus? What did they do?

(they told everyone)

It says they told everyone! They went back into town and told everyone about what they had seen.

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from their sins and to be their King, and the shepherds could tell He was special.

Wow! Who knew that just talking about Jesus and God was a way to worship them!

CG: Week 3 Main Point

The shepherds worshiped by telling others about Jesus! And you can worship by telling others about God and Jesus too. It doesn't mean you have to have all the answers and know every single little thing there is to know, but you can still worship in this way.

Especially during Christmas, you can talk to your friends or your teammates about what Christmas really means! You can tell them about how God sent His Son to earth so that we could be saved through Him. You can tell them about the angels and the shepherds and how awesome that very first Christmas was!

What are some things you know about Jesus or about the true meaning of Christmas that you could tell your friends? (let children respond)

Notes on candy canes:

- 1) Say: **We are going to talk about what this candy cane has to do with the Bible and our lesson today.** (Instruct everyone to hold the candy cane right side up) **What does this look like?** (allow for responses) **It looks like a shepherd's staff or crook!** If I was a shepherd, I would need a crook to help me guide my sheep, and the shepherds in our Bible story probably had crooks too. Our candy cane looks like a crook to remind us of the shepherds in our story and to remind us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.
- 2) Instruct everyone to turn the candy cane upside down and say: **Now what does it look like?** (let children respond) **If I hold it upside down, it looks like a "J" which is the first letter of Jesus' name. When we hold it this way, it can help us remember Jesus and his birthday.**
- 3) Say: **Now let's look at the colors. The candy cane has white and red stripes. What do you think the white stands for?** (let children respond) **The white is for how pure and sinless Jesus was. He never sinned at all! What do you think the red stands for?** (let children respond) **The red stands for Jesus' blood that He shed for us on the cross. When Jesus died and rose from the dead at Easter, He made it possible for us to connect with God again!**
- 4) Say: **Wow! Who knew that this Christmas candy cane could also help us be like the shepherds and share the Good News about Jesus! I'm going to give you each a little poem and I want you to attach the poem to your candy cane and take it home with you. But don't eat it yourself! Remember that friend you mentioned earlier? Take this candy cane and this poem to your friend and tell them about Jesus. Be like the shepherds in our story!**

