

DEAR PARENTS,

Just like you, your child heard how the angels visited the shepherds and shared the good news about Jesus. It was such great news that He was born and great news that He is our friend! You can help your child continue to learn more by using the activities in this Take-Home Paper. Complete one activity each day with the suggested schedule, or complete it at your own pace. Once completed, sign the parent signature and have your child bring it back the following week for a special prize!

Mo Look at the cover page together. Put their name on it. Say the One Thing together, "Jesus Is My Friend!" Say the Memory Verse. Open your Bible to Luke 2:8-20 and show them where this passage is. Read it out loud as you point to the words. We celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Color the cover together.

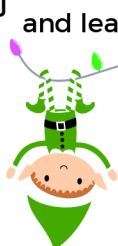
Tu Look at page 1. Angels are real, and they were a special part of the birth of Jesus. Finish the angel and talk about how the birth of Jesus changed the world and brought hope.

We Look at page 2. Steve received a special winter outfit from Kyle! Read Steve's words and color the outfit. Tell your child what you like best about YOUR friendship with Jesus.

Th Look at pages 3-4. This is the illustrated story from Luke 2:8-20 that they heard and saw in class. Read the story as your child points to the pictures. If you would like to watch the lesson from class with your child, go to the Alive Church website and click on Ministries > Alive Kids Ministry.

Fr Look at page 5. Read the words and write the letters to the One Thing. Open your Bible to John 15:14. What does Jesus want us to do in friendship with Him?

Sa Look at page 6. Read the poem and follow the directions. Look through the completed Take-Home Paper and see all that you did and learned. What was your favorite part?



Ever-Lasting Friend

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TAKE-HOME PAPER EARLY CHILDHOOD



PART 3

Name _____ **ONE THING
JESUS IS MY FRIEND!**



Bible Story
Angels and Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

Parent's Signature _____

1

ANGELS BROUGHT JOYFUL NEWS!

Directions: Follow the clue line to finish the missing half of the angel.
Give the angel a joyful face. Trace and say the One Thing at the bottom of the page.



Jesus Is My Friend!

READ THE POEM AND COLOR

Angels in the night sky
Where shepherds
watched their sheep,
Announced the birth of Jesus,
God's Son, on hay, asleep.



Directions:
Cut out the
angel and
glue it
where
indicated
on page 4.



3

READ ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-20

1



"That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

2



Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them.

3

They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!



4



And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.'

5



Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'

6



When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, 'Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'



They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.



The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them."

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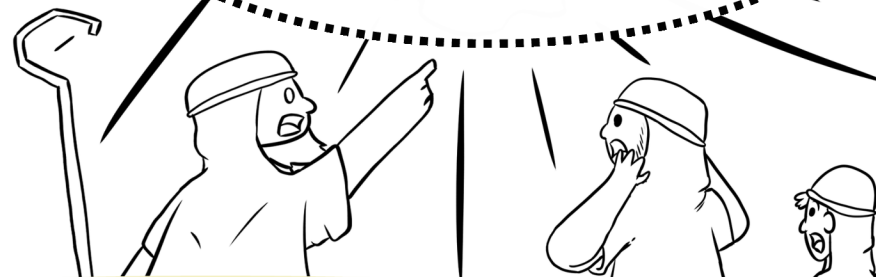


After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

Directions:

- Read the story 1-9.
- Cut out the angel from page 6 and glue it where indicated below.
- Say the One Thing - **Jesus Is My friend!**

Glue angel here.



JESUS IS MY FRIEND!

5 READ STEVE'S WORDS AND COLOR



I have a good friend.
His name is Kyle. He gave me this
new winter outfit! Will you color it
in for me? Thanks! You know who is
also my good friend? It's Jesus!
I can't see Jesus like I can see Kyle,
but His spirit, The Holy Spirit,
lives in my heart!

Steve

Kyle



2 SAY AND WRITE THE ONE THING

JESUS
IS MY
FRIEND

