

Week 15 Family Letter

The Good News Is Spread: The Angels' Announcement to the Shepherds

(Luke 2:8-12)

The night Jesus was born, some shepherds were watching their sheep. Shepherds are people who take care of sheep. It was very dark outside. It was quiet on that hillside. The sheep were sleeping.

All of a sudden, a bright light lit up the sky. The shepherds were scared. They covered their eyes.

An angel said, "Don't be afraid. I have good news! Jesus has been born to you. He was born in Bethlehem. You will find Him wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly, the sky was filled with angels, praising and thanking God for sending Jesus. The angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest." Then, they disappeared.

Suddenly, it was dark and quiet again. The shepherds were very excited. They looked at each other and said, "Let's hurry to Bethlehem." And they found the baby Jesus in a manger, just as the angel had told them.

Bible Words

Glory to God in the highest!

Luke 2:14

Dear Family,

Point out that the robes of the angels in the Bible picture are white. We know that the angels at Easter had white robes. The Bible tells us that. But we don't know the color of their robes at Christmas. Encourage your child to use his or her imagination, picking many different colors to color the angels' robes. (Many artists over the years have done the same!)

Talk about the Christmas decorations in your home. Identify which ones tell the real story of Christmas—the story of Jesus' birth. Talk about what these decorations teach us. If your decorations seem to be mostly Santas and snowmen, plan a family trip to a Christian bookstore to purchase a few more ornaments that remind us of angels, shepherds, and most important, baby Jesus! Read the story on page 283 of *The Story Bible* together.

