

Week 15

The Angels and the Shepherds

It was a dark and quiet night. Shepherds were watching their sheep on the grassy hills outside the town of Bethlehem.

All at once, the sky was bright with light as an angel appeared. The shepherds were afraid! The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I bring you Good News. Unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The angel said the shepherds could find the baby Savior wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

(*) Then many, many angels appeared. They praised God. They sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace." They were praising God because Jesus the Savior was born. Jesus came to save us from sin and death. He came to bring us forgiveness and eternal life in heaven.

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

Think about It

Read about the angels praising God. The story is in your Bible in Luke 2:8-14. We, too, can praise God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. What other reasons do you have for praising God? How many can you name?

Bible Words

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a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11



Dear Family,

These days are busy, busy! But take time to join with the angels in singing praises to God for sending His Son to be your Savior. As angels announced the glad tidings to the shepherds, we, too, can share the Good News of Jesus' birth with people of all personalities, all ages, and all nationalities.

Let your child help you with Christmas cards. He or she can apply the postage stamp or add stickers to the back of envelopes and packages.

Gather toys with your child and donate them to a nearby charity. Many shelters also welcome donations of coats that your family members may have outgrown.

Go Christmas caroling with your family to a nursing home. Take along some baked goodies or a picture of Jesus' birth that your child has made.

Read more about the Bible story on pages 281-286 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

