

# Heart Tugs

Shaping Hearts with God's Word



A Preschool and Pre-K & K Family Resource

Issue 3

## Shepherds Visit Jesus

### *A Read-to-Me Bible Story*

from Luke 2:8-20

The Bible tells us that when Jesus was born, an angel came to a group of men who were shepherds. The shepherds were afraid when the angel came. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid. I have come to tell you good news. Today a very special baby has been born." Then a large group of angels came from Heaven and praised God.

After the angels left, the shepherds hurried to find the baby. The shepherds praised and thanked God because they had seen this special baby—God's Son.

**Who told the shepherds a special baby had been born?**

**Who was this special baby?**



# Shepherds at Night

Help each shepherd get to his sheep.

Follow the broken lines carefully.



Shepherds were watching their sheep  
one night.

It was dark outside—there was no light.  
It was quiet too—there was no sound,  
Just the *baa* of sheep as they lay around.

Suddenly the shepherds saw a bright light.  
An angel appeared, and they shook  
with fright.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid.  
I have good news: Jesus was born today!"



# How many of each?

Count how many of each you see. Write the numbers below.



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What good news did the shepherds hear from the angel?

# Family Talk

"Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be

peace to the people who please God" (Luke 2:14). What a birth announcement! Jumping to their feet, the shepherds rushed into Bethlehem. Their excitement probably grew as they approached the manger site.

Soon, however, the shepherds returned to their fields, and life settled back to its routine. Though there were no longer angels in the sky, Mary "continued to think about them" (Luke 2:19). You can help your child follow Mary's example. Together, take time to treasure the presence of Christ daily.

## Bible Memory FUN

**Matthew 2:1, 2**

Find these verses in a family Bible. Pick a road that is commonly used during the week and name it Bible Memory Lane. Every time you and your child travel down that street, say the Bible verses together.

This week help your child remember:

**We can tell others Jesus was born.**



## Family Fun...

**Sharing Artwork.** Ask your child what he thinks the shepherds saw when they went to visit Jesus. Talk about the people and animals that might have been present that special night. Read Luke 2:8-20. Give your child a white sheet of paper and have him draw what the shepherds might have seen when they arrived at the manger. Together, think of someone with whom to share the message of Jesus' birth through your child's artwork.

## Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

We praise You, God, because You sent us a special baby—Jesus!

Thank You, God, for shepherds who told what they had seen.

God, help me to tell my friends that Jesus was born.

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