

Shepherds Visit Jesus

Luke 2:8-20

Bible Memory Verse: Jesus was born...'We came to worship Him'" ~ Matthew 2:1-2

Supplies needed for this lesson:

Crayons, scissors, glue stick

Last week we learned about the time when Jesus was born. Mary and Joseph had to travel to a faraway city. It was very crowded when they arrived and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. Eventually they ended up sharing a stable with some animals. And in that unlikely place, God's Son was born. Today we're going to learn about baby Jesus' first visitors (besides the animals!)

Do you know what a shepherd is? We don't really have shepherds in NJ where I live but there are still shepherds in other countries. Shepherds have a very important job. They watch over their sheep, making sure they have food and water and a safe place to sleep. They protect their sheep from wild animals. And they go in search of sheep who wander away and get lost. In Jesus' time, shepherds could usually be found outside the city, in places that had lots of grass and water for the sheep. They stayed with their sheep day and night. Let's pretend to be shepherds. First, walk around with your pretend sheep following you as you guide them to some water. Next, tell your pretend sheep to go to sleep and lie down on the floor (shepherds sleep on the ground near their sheep). Then brush your pretend sheep's wool. Now look for one of your pretend sheep that has wandered off. Finally, scare off a wild animal who was trying to steal your pretend sheep. Great job! Being a shepherd is hard work! There were shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem the night Jesus was born. In our lesson today, we're going to find out how the shepherds heard about Jesus' birth and what they did when they found out.

Click the video link at the LCKids web page to watch a video of Miss Sue and Woolly as they talk about the shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem. You can also read this true story from the book of Luke in the Bible with your family by clicking on the link called *PS-K Bible Story*.

How cool that the shepherds were visited by angels, God's special messengers! And then they went to Bethlehem and found baby Jesus, just like the angels said they would. On their way back to the fields, the shepherds told everyone they met about what the angels had said about Jesus. **We can tell others about Jesus** too.

For our last activity today, we're going to make a book that will help us share the story of Jesus' birth with our friends and family. Print this week's Make n share and "stickers" from the end of this lesson plan. Cut out the "stickers". (ask a grown up or older sibling to help if you need it) Color the rest of the pictures. Glue the "stickers" where they belong. Cut out the book along the solid black line. Then fold the page along the dotted lines to make a book. **We can tell others about Jesus.** Who will you tell that Jesus was born?

Great job today! Let's end our lesson with a prayer of thanks to God for sending Jesus:

Dear God, we are so happy that Jesus was born! Help us to tell others about His birth. We love You, Jesus! Amen.

This week's family page, *Heart Tugs*, can be found at the LCKids web page.

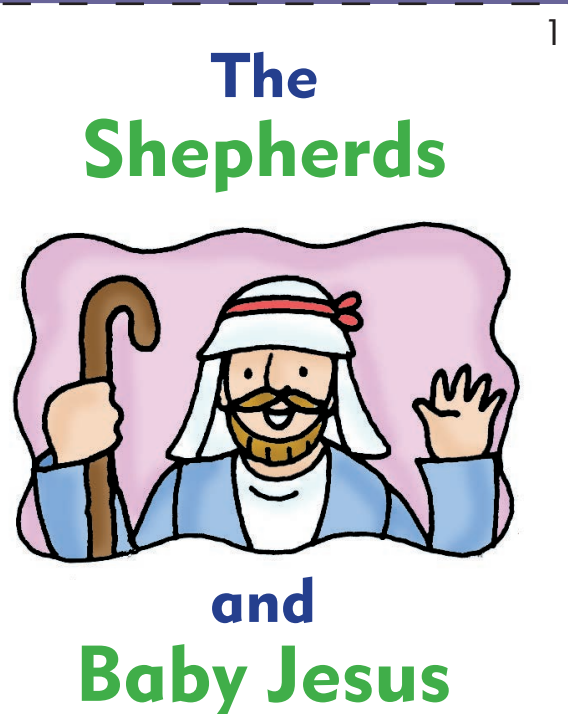
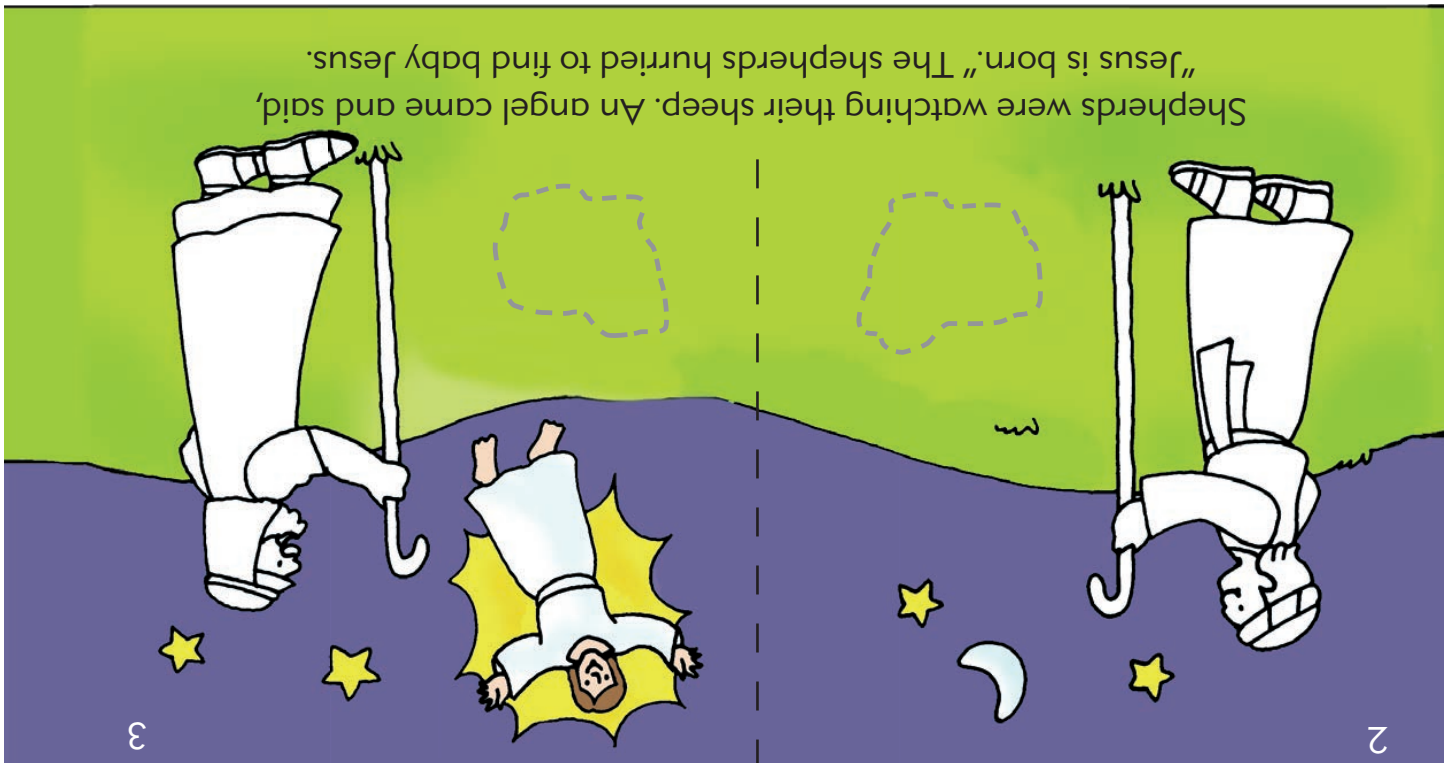
LCKids is off next Sunday, so our staff can take a well-earned rest. Look for a new lesson on January 3, 2026, when we will find out about other special visitors who came to meet Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

"The Shepherds and Baby Jesus" Book



Lesson 3



Instructions

1. Cut out and fold to make a book.
2. Finish coloring the pictures and add stickers.
3. Show your book to someone. Tell about baby Jesus.



Lesson 3



Shepherds come to greet Jesus.

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