

# Shepherds

## Invited to the King's Birthday?

WEEK 3  
Luke 2:8-20



Say: Can you recall one good thing that happened to you this week? Share it with your family.

Whenever good things happen to us, we always look forward to sharing it with our parents, siblings or friends. Did you know that the shepherds before did the same thing when they received the best news of all- the birth of Jesus? Just like them, we tell others about Jesus and the hope He has given us.



Now, let's read about the story of the shepherds on that first Christmas Day. Open your Bible to Luke 2:8-20.

*8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*14 "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

*15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

On that special night that Jesus was born, angels brought the good news to the shepherds and they made their way to go see baby Jesus. And as the angels said, they found baby Jesus lying on a manger. What a special invitation given to them, to come witness the birth of baby Jesus. They left, praising God and told others about it.

It is ironic that when the King of kings was born, it wasn't important people but shepherds who received an invitation to come see Him. Today, Jesus extends an invitation to all of us to accept Him our Savior. Regardless of our position, our past or present condition, we all get the same invitation. With Jesus in our hearts, Christmas becomes a celebration of His birth and the hope He has given us. Would you want to accept His invitation?



### Parents to kids/s

#### 2-6 years old:

- Do you look forward to receiving invitations to parties? What kind of parties do you like best - birthday parties? Christmas parties?
- Whose birthday are we celebrating every Christmas?

#### 7-12 years old:

- What do you want to do with the invitation Jesus extends to you?
- Will you share it with your friends? Think of 3 friends that you would like to share it with and plan out how you will do so.

#### Kid/s to Parent:

- Have you accepted Jesus' invitation for Him to be your Savior? Why or why not?
- What are your current challenges in sharing about Jesus to others?



Dear God,

Thank You for loving and sending Jesus Christ to us. Thank You that You are our Savior and through You, we can have eternal life. Please help us tell others about the good news of His birth.

Amen!



What was special about the shepherds that they were the first to hear the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ?

There are many reasons why shepherds should NOT have been chosen as the first messengers of this announcement:

During those time, shepherds were considered dirty and smelly. They stayed out in the fields all day and run after sheep.

During those times, they were not trusted by people. Their testimony cannot stand in court. Many believed that shepherds were thieves.

But could it be that precisely for these reasons that God chose the shepherds to be the first visitors of baby Jesus - because He does not want to exclude anyone from the good news that Jesus has come to save us from our sins?

Because the shepherds never thought they deserved to hear such good news, they were humble enough to receive the news and eager enough to share it with others.

If you happened to be one of the shepherds that night, would you respond the way the shepherds did and share the news with others too?

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