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Weekly Pack 39
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Shepherds

Story and activities to do at home
while we are unable to meet.

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Just do what you fancy and have fun!



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Story



New Living Translation

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said.

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them

about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished.



Luke 2:8-18

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Simple version

In Bethlehem that night shepherds were tending their sheep. Suddenly the shepherds saw God's angel lighting the sky before them and they were scared. The angel told them "don't be afraid, I bring you good news, today in Bethlehem a baby has been born, your saviour, you will find him wrapped in cloths lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky filled with a choir of angels singing "Glory to God in highest heaven and peace on earth." The sky went dark and everything was quiet.

The shepherds looked at each other "we must go and see the baby at once." They found the baby just like the angel had told them. The shepherds told Mary and Joseph what had happened, this was a night to remember. The shepherds went back to the fields praising God.



Questions to discuss

After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

1. Have you ever been really scared by something? What happened?
2. Do you know someone who has recently had a baby?
3. I wonder how you found out about their baby? Did an angel tell you?
4. What do you learn about the baby Jesus from this story of the shepherds and angels?
5. If you were one of the shepherds, what would you tell people about the baby Jesus?



Short Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the story of the angels bringing the good news of the birth of baby Jesus to the shepherds. Please help me to share the good news that Jesus came into the world. Amen.

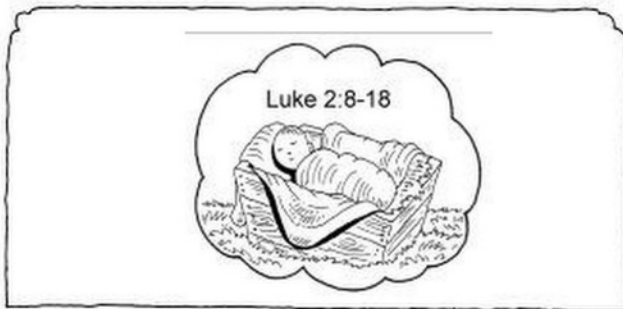
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THE angels good news

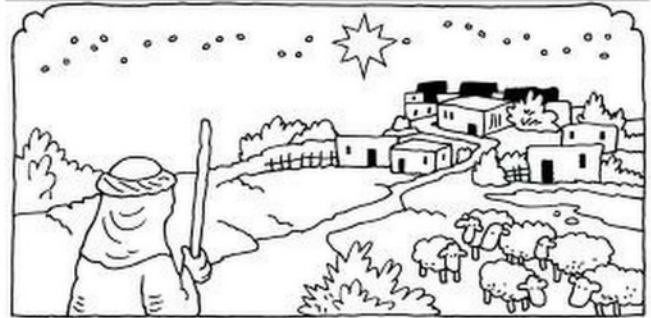
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By Jill Kemp

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There was no room for Joseph and Mary to stay in the inn at Bethlehem, except in a stable where they kept animals. When baby Jesus was born they made Him a bed in an animals' feeding box of hay, called a manger.



On the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem some shepherds were staying on the fields nearby. They were sitting down quietly watching their sheep, to make sure that they were safe.



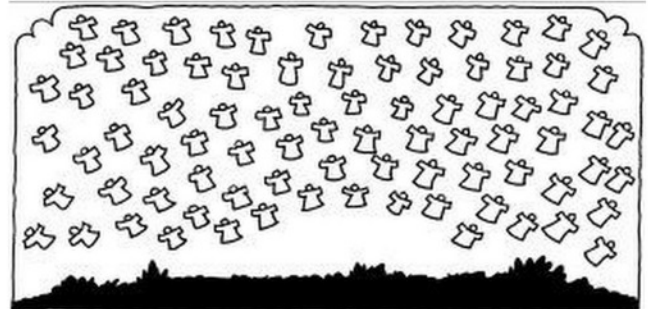
Suddenly, the whole sky was filled with a very bright light and the Glory of God shone all around them. The shepherds were very frightened.



Then an angel appeared and spoke to them. "Don't be frightened," he said. "When you hear the good news I have been sent to tell you, your hearts will be filled with joy!"



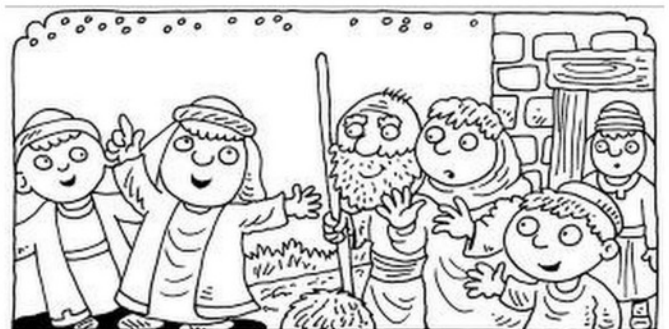
"In Bethlehem today the Saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord, God's gift to you. When you find a baby wrapped in soft linen cloth lying in a manger bed of hay then you will know that this is true."



Then the night sky was filled with hundreds more angels who were praising and thanking God, saying, "Glory to God in heaven and may the whole world be filled with Peace and Kindness towards others."



The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found baby Jesus wrapped in soft linen, sleeping in a manger bed of hay, just as the angel said. They told Mary and Joseph about the angel's good news!



After they left the stable the shepherds told everyone they met about the angels and their wonderful news! The Saviour and promised Messiah had come at last! At Christmas time we still remember God's gift to us all.



Video of the story
https://youtu.be/_jtobz8y9co

Video of song of the week
<https://youtu.be/oz-ZxXv0kkc>



Cartoon of the story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJIC57EvYFo>

Puppet sketch
<https://youtu.be/ArXZnTtTLVI>



Creative prayer

In the Christmas story, there are many journeys

- Joseph and Mary travel at least 110km (on a donkey!), from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Mary has her baby. The wise men from the East travelled even further (probably on camels!), following a bright star all the way to Bethlehem.
- The shepherds heard the good news and in response to what the angel said they walked from the hills down to Bethlehem, to the stable to see Jesus.
- A lot happens between Christmases. Life is like a journey and we have different experiences along the way. Think about what has changed, the experiences and the journey you have come on since last Christmas.
- This year is nearly over. What are the big things that you remember from this year? What happened? What was good about it? Was anything bad, or sad?

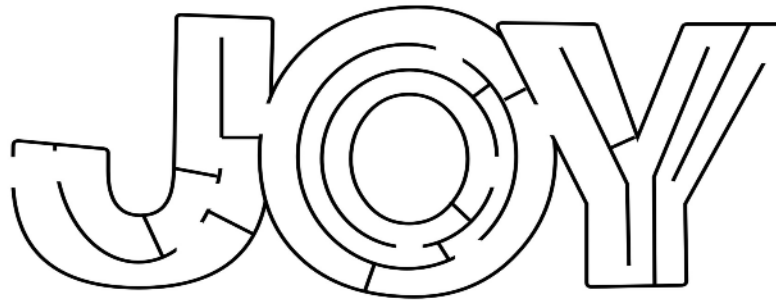
Take a piece of paper and draw around your foot. Now write inside the footprint about an important moment in the last year. Ask God to help you leave it behind as you begin your journey into the New Year.

Missing seeing my family

Puzzles

The angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news that will bring great JOY to all people."

Can you help the shepherds get to the stable?



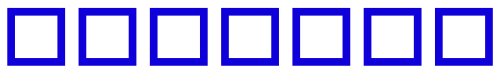
Discover the name

A special name given to Jesus is hidden in the answers to the questions. Put the letters in the boxes together below to find the name.

1. The name of Jesus' mum.
2. What were the shepherds looking after?
3. The shepherds had quite a ...
4. A lot of angels did this.
5. This occurred during the...
6. The angel said this person had been born.
7. Where they were to look for the baby.

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2. _ h _ p
3. _ o _ _
4. _ _ g
5. _ g _ _
6. S _ i _ _ r
7. _ e _ _ _ _ e _

The name that is hidden is...



The answer is in the verse below!



"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today"

Memory verse

Can you unjumble the tiles to discover the verse

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Shepherd Decoration

To make the shepherd you will need:

White paper, large lollipop stick, 3 cupcake cases, glue stick, scissors, thread, pencil, felt pens, sellotape



1. Press 1 cupcake case flat.



2. Glue lollipop stick to the middle of the cupcake case.



3. Fold over the cupcake case like the picture & glue.



4. Press 2nd cupcake case flat & fold in half. Glue in place.



5. Fold again & glue.



6. Glue to the back of the lollipop stick.



7. Turn the shepherd over.



8. Press 3rd cupcake case flat & fold in half. Glue in place.



9. Fold the cupcake case again like in the picture.



10. Put some glue on the back of the lollipop stick & attach cupcake case.



11. Put glue on the top of the lollipop stick & press down the folded part of the cupcake case.



12. Fold over the sides of the cupcake case again like in the picture & glue.



13. Draw a face & some shoes on the shepherd.



14. Draw a shepherd's staff & colour.



15. Cut out staff & stick on shepherd.



16. Draw a sheep & colour.



17. Cut out sheep & stick on shepherd.



18. Cut a piece of thread, fold in half and knot.



19. Attach thread to the back of shepherd with Sellotape.



Wordsearch

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 N X C S B I E H O B G U A R D I N G
 O X L H H V B A N I U F V Q G Q Q A
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SHEPHERDS
 FIELDS
 GUARDING
 SHEEP
 ANGEL
 AFRAID
 NEWS
 MESSIAH
 BABY
 MANGER
 HOST
 PRAISING
 GLORY
 PEACE
 BETHLEHEM
 CHILD
 MARY
 JOSEPH

Puzzles

The sheep have been wandering.
 Follow the paths to find out which sheep belong to which shepherd.
 Colour each seep the same colour as it's shepherd.



Can you find 7 differences between the 2 pictures?



Challenges

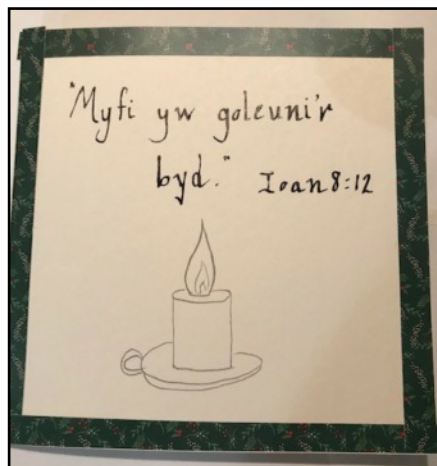
Create a stable

How about creating a stable out of recycling items that has the characters from the Christmas story in it.



Tell others

The shepherds rushed to see baby Jesus and then rushed to tell everyone else about it. Who can you contact to tell them about the Good News that Jesus loves them?



Kindness

Do something kind. Write a card or send a note to someone who needs encouraging today.

Sheep

Make sheep out of foodstuff of your choice. Here we've used mashed potato and vegetables.



Recipe



Christmas star biscuits

Ingredients:

- 250g plain flour
- 200g salted butter
- 100g icing sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- Jam & buttercream for filling

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 170 degrees and line baking trays with baking parchment.
2. Rub the flour, butter and icing sugar together until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Add egg yolk and mix it into the dough.
4. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and put in the fridge for 30 minutes.
5. Turn the cooled dough out onto a floured surface and roll to about 1cm thick.
6. Cut out star shapes using a large star cutter. Then use a small star cutter to cut out a star shape in half of the larger star biscuits (these will be the top).
7. Place on the baking trays a bake for around 10 minutes or until the edges are golden brown.
8. Allow to cool then stick together with the jam and buttercream.



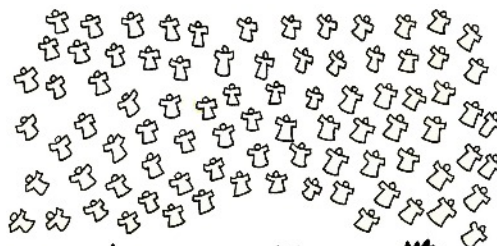
Sing



Shepherds on a hillside watching,
guarding all their sheep at night,
when suddenly right in front of them
was the most amazing sight
a bright and mighty angel stood there
lighting up the night time sky
shepherds they were, oh, so frightened
by this glory before their eyes,
the angel simply said to them
"Do not be afraid, for I have
awesome news for you!"

"I am here to bring you good news,
news that's going to bring great joy,
go now and search in Bethlehem,
for Mary and her baby boy.
God has sent to you a Saviour,
you'll find him just as we've said;
All wrapped up in strips of cloth
with a food trough as His bed."
Then an angel choir broke through
with a glorious 'Holy! Holy!'
and a 'Glory! Glory!' too:-

Glory to God (Oh what a story)
Glory to God (Oh what a story)
Glory to God (give him the glory)
in the highest heaven.
Glory to God (Oh how He loves us)
Glory to God (Oh how He loves us)
Glory to God (giving us Jesus)
bringing peace on earth.



Here's the reason for this season
Jesus being born on earth
coming down from heaven to show us
what he thinks we're really worth.
Freely showing everybody
the most amazing love;
So let's not forget at Christmas,
hope came from heaven above.
Celebrate and sing along,
Clap your hands and all join in
this glorious angel song:

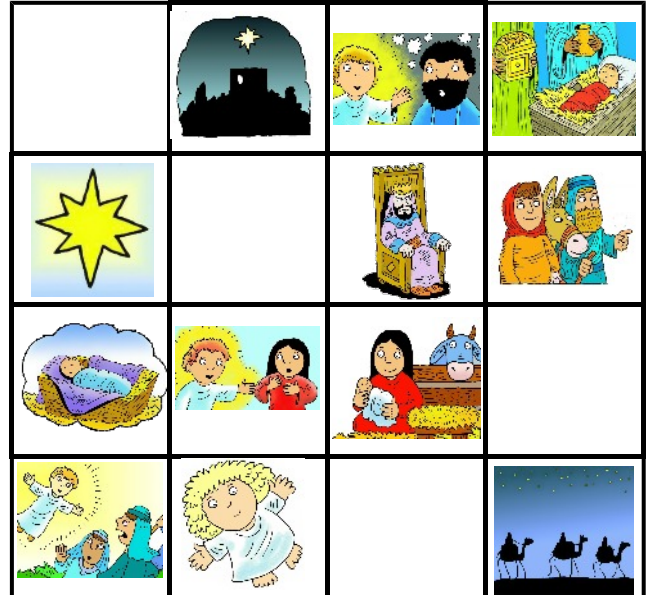
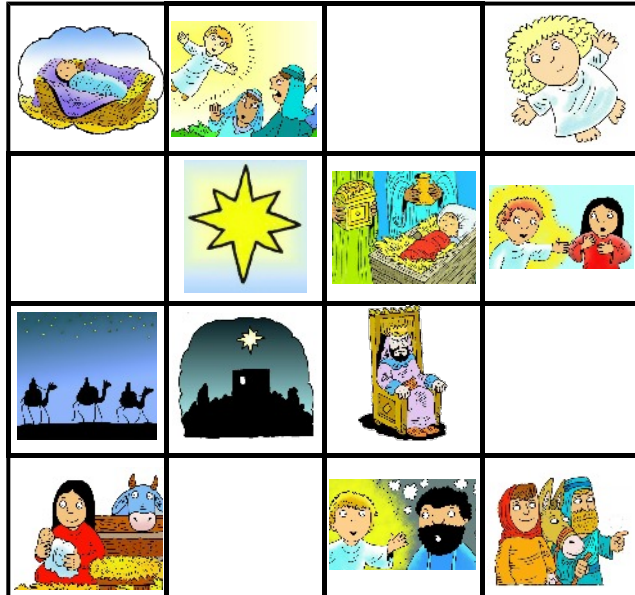
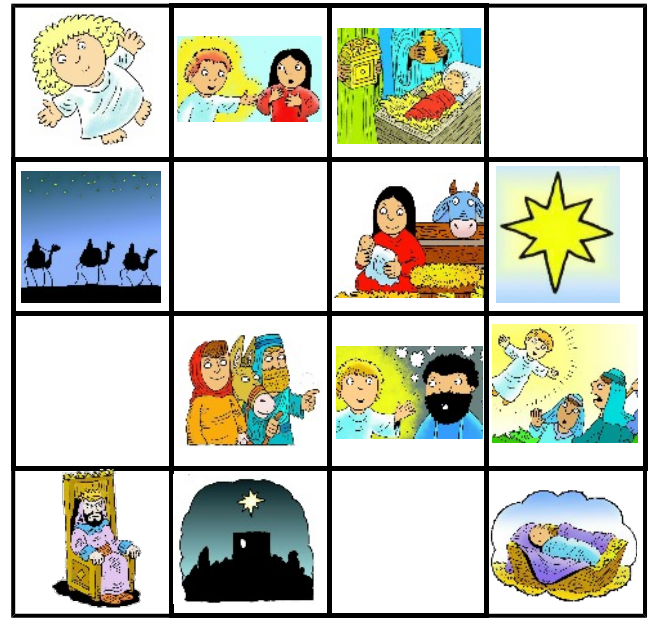
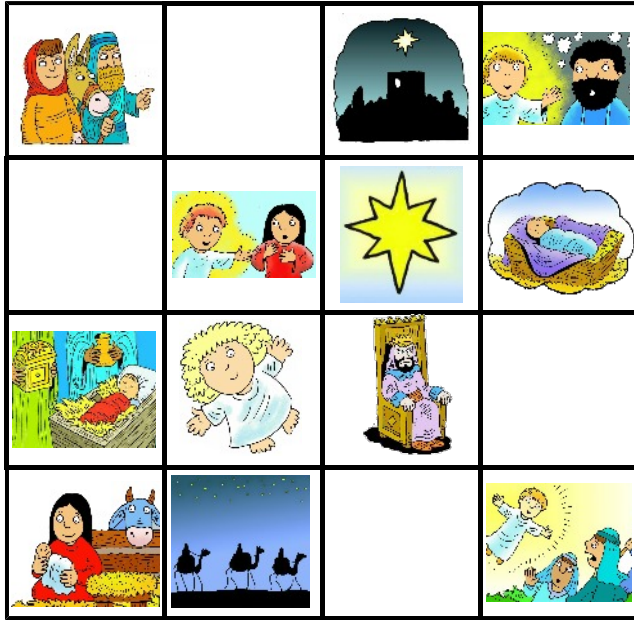
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Watch this song and sing along at <https://youtu.be/oz-ZxXv0kkc>

If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes - ahughes@saintgyuned.org

Bingo

- Cut out the small squares with pictures and put them in a hat.
- Cut out the 4 bingo players' cards below and give one to each player.
- Also give each player a number of small blank squares they can use to cover the pictures.
- One player is the 'caller' and he picks a picture out of the hat and shows it to everyone.
- If a player has this picture on their card, they cover it with a blank square.
- The game continues with the 'caller' picking out more pictures until one player has covered over a row or line. When this happens they shout 'bingo' and they have won.





Games



Losing the sheep



You will need:

- Empty paper tissue box
- String
- 12 Cotton wool balls, or paper handkerchiefs - these are the sheep
- Timer

How to play:

- Make two holes one at each end of the tissue box.
- Cut a piece of string long enough to tie it round the middle of the players.
- Put the cotton wool balls or the paper handkerchiefs in the box.
- Tie the string around the middle of the player.
- The player tries to shake his body to make the sheep (cotton wool balls / tissues) jump out of the box.
- He has 1 minute to try to get the sheep out of the box.
- The winner is the player who can shake the highest number of sheep out of the box in a minute.

Rounding up sheep

You will need:

- A sheep pen made with tape or string on the floor at the end of a hallway or in a room.
- Cotton wool balls for the sheep
- A picture of a shepherd's crook on a card
- Timer

How to play:

One or two players

With the shepherd's crook card take it in turns to waft the cotton wool balls into the sheep pen. Time each other.

Game for the whole family

Play the game in teams as a relay with each person taking turns to waft a sheep into the pen.



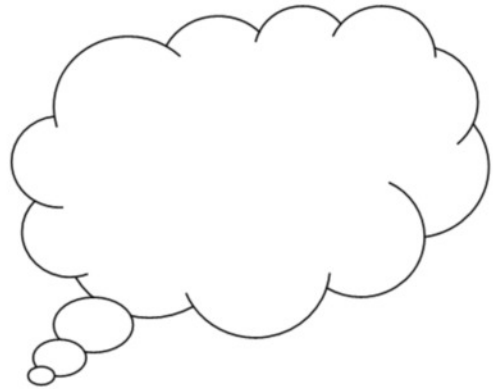
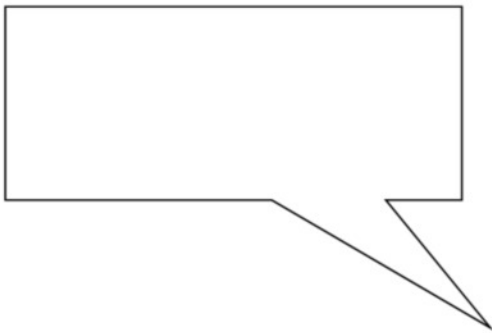
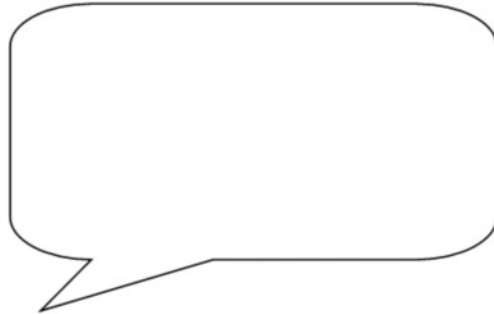


Creative prayer

Worship like an angel!

In the story of the angels bringing good news to the shepherds, the angels all worship God. They praise God because He is so great and He does great things.

It is good for us to worship and praise God too.
Write down things you want to say to praise God in the speech bubbles.
You could say something like "You're so good" or "You're so strong."



**Merry Christmas and a
happy new year**

We'll be back in January with a pack that starts a new series about the life of Jesus.

