

Bringing Home THE Story . . .



The Angels Announce to the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-21

You can find the whole Bible story at: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+2&version=NIV>

OPENING PRAYER

To be read by an adult or older child

Dear Father, the angels sang with joy when Jesus was born! Help us, also, to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

In His name,
Amen.

WHAT WAS THIS STORY ABOUT?

THE SAVIOR WAS BORN AND THE ANGELS SANG! Their audience were shepherds out in the field. Theirs was no 8 hour shift - night fell and they are still on duty watching over their flocks. Suddenly an angel appeared and the glory of the Lord bathed them in its light. And they were terrified!!

Why were they terrified?

- their imperfections are made clear in bright light
 - angels are pretty fearsome, and
 - the Lord was among them.

But the angel had great news! The Savior is born!
"Go and find Him in Bethlehem in a manger . . ."

LIFE APPLICATION: The Lord could come with wrath and anger because of our sins. Instead He came in gentleness, mercy and grace. How wonderful is it that this awesome God came to us born as an infant? Our challenge is keeping this as the central message of Christmas . . .

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

It's good for a parent to ask the child the question AFTER they share THEIR own answer . . .

What is **YOUR** favorite Jesus-Christmas song?

Why is Jesus' story important to remember at Christmas time?

Do you have an Angel or a Star on the top of your Christmas tree? **WHY?**

How can **YOU** get ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday?

CLOSING PRAYER

Echo Prayer (Parent says a line and the children repeat it)

Dear Father	Dear Father
help me celebrate	help me celebrate
Jesus' birthday	Jesus' birthday
In His name	In His name
Amen	Amen