



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#C3 – The Lamb of God
Hebrews 10:11-13

PICTURES NEEDED

C3-1 Manger scene with sheep

REVIEW

- The Big Question Review: Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Living Word who came to earth to reveal God's glory.

- Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

N—N

Make sign of N

Nativity

Manger—both hands come together with the fingers locking and palms facing up

The scene of Jesus'

Make sign of Jesus

Birth

Arms like rocking a baby

N—N—Nativity

Same as above

God's Son

Arms in air

sent to earth

Form arms into circle around head



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LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual

What is this a picture of? (picture C3-1)

What animals are there? Why are there sheep at the manger scene?

The sheep remind us that at the time Jesus was born, God sent an angel to speak to shepherds who were taking care of their sheep out in a field, to tell them about Jesus' birth. The shepherds went to the stable where the angel said the baby was to see if what the angel had said was true. The shepherds were there at the stable right after Jesus was born.

The shepherds recognized how important the birth of Jesus was. They understood that he was a gift that God had sent to men to save us from the sin that would hurt us and destroy our lives. The Bible calls him the sacrificial lamb that has taken away the sin of the world. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin.

When we give people gifts at Christmas, we want to think about what Jesus has given us.

What has Jesus given to us?

The big question for this week is: How is Jesus the lamb of God?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions that follow.

Title: Who are we to worship?

Page 1: Luke 2:8-9

(picture of shepherd in field with sheep)

Shepherds lived out in the fields
taking care of all their sheep.

Even through the night,
good watch they had to keep.

One night as they were shepherding
a light filled up the sky,

And angels started singing,
"Glory to the Lord on high."

Page 2: Luke 2:10-12

(picture of angels with shepherds)

The shepherds were quite frightened
at the awesome sight.

An angel told them what occurred
in Bethlehem that night.

In an animal stable
was born a baby boy;

The Son of God had come to earth
to bring God's people joy.

Page 3: Luke 2:15-16

(picture of Jesus and Mary)

The shepherds were excited
and knew that they should go

To find the baby Jesus
and see if it was so.

They hurried to the stable
and found the baby there,

Jesus in the manger
under Mary's loving care.

Page 4: Luke 2:20

(picture of shepherds worshipping God)

They worshiped God and thanked him
for the Savior he did send,

To bring his peace to all the earth
and sinful hearts to mend.

God's Son would live a perfect life
and never, ever sin.

The perfect Lamb of God would die
to save the souls of men.

Page 5: Luke 2:17-18

(picture of shepherds sharing news)
The shepherds spread the news
of what they'd seen and heard,
That Jesus was the Savior
God had promised in his Word.
We, too, should share the story
of our precious Savior's birth,
That our loving Father
sent his Son to save the earth.

Page 6: Luke 19:10

(picture of Jesus in manger)
The humble, little baby
laying in the straw
Is the God of all the universe
we worship with great awe.
He is the Son of God,
the one and only King,
Salvation to the lost
is the gift that he did bring.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What is a shepherd? Where were the shepherds? What happened one night as they were watching their sheep?

Page 2: How did the shepherds feel when they saw the angels? Why do you think that was? What did the angel tell them?

Page 3: How did the shepherds respond to what the angel said? Where did they find Jesus? What is strange about that?

Page 4: What did the shepherds do when they found the baby? What would be different about God's Son? Why is it important Jesus never sinned? The Jewish people sacrificed perfect lambs to cover their sin. What does it mean that Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God?

Page 5: What did the shepherds tell others? If we believe the story of Jesus' birth what should we do?

Page 6: Who is Jesus? What is the gift Jesus brings? What is salvation? Who does he bring that gift to? Who is lost? Why are we all lost?

Review: What happened one night as the shepherds were watching their sheep? Where did they find Jesus? What did the shepherds do when they found the baby? What did the shepherds tell others?

Prayer: Thank God that Jesus never sinned and therefore was a perfect sacrifice for our sins. Thank God that he loves us so much that he sent his Son to die for our sins as the perfect sacrificial lamb. Thank Jesus for all he has done for you and pray that you would live a life that pleases him.

The Big Question: How is Jesus the Lamb of God?

Jesus lived a perfect life and shed his blood to take away our sin.

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

Who are we to worship?

W—W	Make sign of W
Worship	Put palms together as in prayer, move up and out
The one and only	Index finger up
King	Put hands on head like a crown
W—W—Worship	Same as above
For the gift	Put both hands in front palms up like offering a gift
That he did bring	Bow down with hands still in gift position



★ **Activity:** Coloring

Instructions: Color in a candy cane as a reminder of a shepherd's crook. The shepherds worshiped Jesus and Jesus is our good shepherd.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the picture of the shepherds worshipping Jesus.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does Prophet begin?

• **Craft:** Christmas Tree Ornament

As a reminder that Jesus is the best gift of all, the Lamb of God who gave his life for us, make a sheep ornament.

Materials: card stock white paper, cotton balls, scissors, glue, hole punch, thin ribbon

Preparation: Run off craft C3 EC on card stock paper. Cut sheep apart. Punch a hole in the top of each ornament.

Instructions: Cut out sheep. Pull apart a cotton ball and glue it to the sheep. Tie a loop of ribbon through the hole to hang the ornament from.

★ **Song:** Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.