

## Book Introduction

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.

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

## 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?

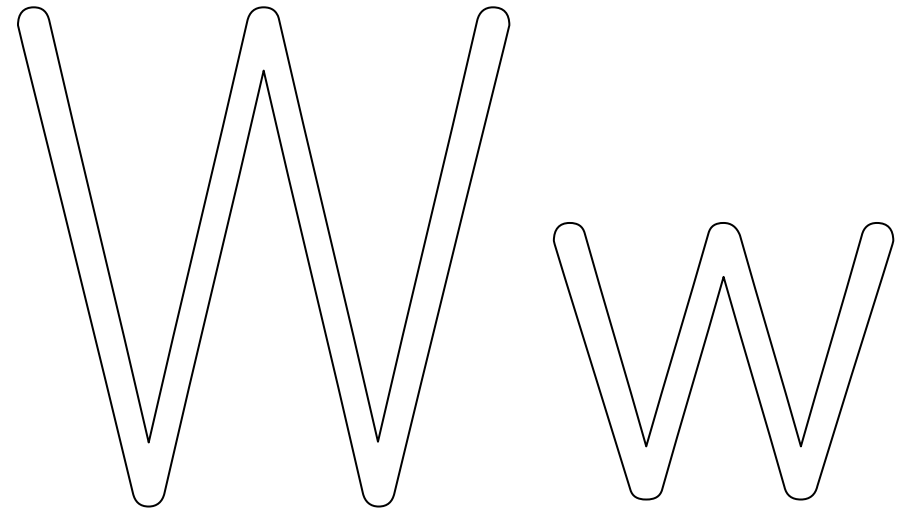
## Lesson Rhyme

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



## Christmas 3

# Who are we to worship?



W—W—Worship

The one and only king

W—W—Worship

For the gift that he did bring

## Day 1

Draw a picture of shepherds and 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."

## Day 6

Draw a picture of Jesus in the 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.

Luke 2:8-9: <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 19:10: <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

## Day 5

Draw a picture of a shepherd talking about Jesus.

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.

Luke 2:17-18: <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

## Day 2

Draw a picture of an angel.

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.

Luke 2:10-12: <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

### Day 3 Draw a picture of shepherds by the manger.

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.

### Day 4 Draw a 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.

Luke 2:15-16: <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:20: <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.