

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Luke 2:8-20

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



The Christ of Christmas—3



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

How is Jesus the Lamb of God?

MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 1:18-19

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

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

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

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

Day 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?

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

Day 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?

Concluding Lesson

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.

Application: Share with someone about Jesus' birth like the shepherds did. Make an ornament to hang on your Christmas tree that reminds you to worship Jesus.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

Christmas 3

How is Jesus the Lamb of God?



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

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."

What does the verse mean?

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

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.

What does the verse mean?

Luke 19:10: ¹⁰ 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.

What does the verse mean?

Luke 2:17-18: ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ 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.

What does the verse mean?

Luke 2:10-12: ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² 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.

What does the verse mean?

Luke 2:15-16: ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Day 4

Draw a picture of shepherds worshiping 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.

What does the verse mean?

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