

## THE SHEPHERDS

Angels told the shepherds about the birth of the Messiah.

### Let's Get Started

**Episode Theme:** Worshiping God- God Sends a Savior.

1. Luke 2:17 says that after the shepherds had met Jesus, they spread the word. What do you think the shepherds said to their friends after they met Jesus?
2. The shepherds, besides Mary and Joseph, were the first to see Jesus, the Savior, and they couldn't wait to tell others about it. As you listen to the episode, think of the people you know who need to hear the good news of Jesus. Like the shepherds, will you choose to do something extraordinary and share what you know?

### Memory Verse

“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.” (NIV)

**Luke 2:17-18**

### After You Listen

Do you ever find yourself feeling like you're not very special? The shepherds probably felt pretty “ordinary,” and they probably didn't feel too special. They weren't the most important or most popular. They didn't wear fancy clothes or have extravagant houses. They weren't the wisest in the town or the most attractive. Their job was to live in the fields and care for smelly sheep! But God chose them to hear the good news of the Savior. Why? Because to God, they were special. They were the special people who listened to the good news and shared it. When the shepherds saw Jesus, they couldn't wait to tell everyone about it! After all, the love of Jesus is for *everyone*.

You can read the full story of the shepherds in Luke 2:8-20. Want to dig deeper and learn more about other people who worshiped God and shared his love when they met Jesus? Check out [John 1:40-41](#), [Luke 5:25-26](#), and [John 4:39-42](#).

### Challenge

The story of Jesus' birth is worth sharing, so why not put on a play? With your family, perform a short play about the shepherds meeting baby Jesus. Use popsicle sticks, paper bags, or other creative supplies to make puppets and act it out. Please spread the news by inviting your neighbors to watch the play, record it, and send it to your friends!

## Take the Episode Quiz

**Question 1:** How did the shepherds feel when they first saw the angel?

**Answer:** They were frightened.

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**Question 2:** What did the shepherds see after the first angel?

**Answer:** Many more angels, praising God.

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**Question 3:** When the angels left, what did the shepherds do?

**Answer:** They hurried to Bethlehem to see Jesus.

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**Question 4:** What were the shepherds doing as they returned to their field?

**Answer:** They were praising God and saying wonderful things about him.

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