

**The Gospel of Luke / Lesson 5**

**Angels And Shepherds**

**Luke 2:8-20**

### **For Servants,**

- Please review the introduction to the Book of Luke and pick some information to focus on.
- It is advisable to have the children take turns in reading the verses so that they get engaged and pay attention. Upon the servant prep. Servant may elect to summarize some verses into a story instead of reading verse by verse.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

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#### **LUKE 2:11**

**“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Christ the Lord.”**

#### **WHAT YOU WILL NEED:**

As many 8.5"x11" pieces of paper as the number of children in your class, color crayons, glue (optional), glitter (optional), and magazine pictures (optional)

A roll of toilet tissue.

#### **Happy Birthday Jesus!**

##### **[ Craft - activity]**

Have the children make a birthday card for Jesus using color crayons, glue and glitter, or pictures cut out of magazines.

Discuss with the children the significance of birthdays, celebrating the fact that the birthday boy or girl is here with us and that we are thankful for their presence in our lives. This is why we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

#### **LESSON TIME!**

#### **Lesson Goal: God is our salvation**

##### **Introduction:**

Today we are going to see how God has provided salvation for us through His Son, Jesus. Have you ever stayed up late at night, heard a noise, and wondered where that noise was coming from? This morning, we will learn about some shepherds who heard “good news of great joy” while they were watching their sheep at night. Why do you suppose this good news was so important? In today's lesson we are going to find out. **God is our salvation.** The lesson is about the Angels appearing to the Shepherds to announce Jesus's birth and those shepherds going to see baby Jesus.

#### **Luke 2:8-10**

**8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.**

[ Ask the children] Who knows **where Mary and Joseph were when Jesus was born?** We learned about it last week. They were in Bethlehem, which means “house of bread.” Jesus called himself the “bread of life” in John 6:35.

**Where did Mary lay Jesus after he was born?** She laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. The manger was actually a feeding trough [pin] for large animals. Often, shepherds would lay newborn lambs in a manger filled with hay. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was born and laid in a manger!



On the night of Jesus’ birth, there were shepherds watching their sheep in the fields of Bethlehem. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord was shining all around them. These were just ordinary shepherds, but God chose to reveal the glory of His Son’s coming to them first. **God is our salvation.**

Sometimes we might think that we have to have a lot of talents and abilities to be used by the Lord. These shepherds were just regular people who God used to worship Jesus at His birth. God can also use us when we let Him. Also it is a sign because Shepherds were choosing a lamb for sacrifices but now the true lamb is born; no need for any sacrifices **God is our salvation**

### **Luke 2:11-12**

**11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”**

**God is our salvation.** God loves us and he came in the flesh to save us from sin, death and Hell. He wants us to have everlasting life with Him.

The angel uses three titles for Jesus:

- 1) **Savior**, which means “deliverer,” Jesus Delivered us and saved us.
- 2) **Christ**, which means “Anointed One” or “Messiah.”
- 3) **Lord**, which means “God.”

**Servants: [Activity]**

Make cards with each title [ total 3] and another 3 cards with the meaning; and play a quick matching game with the kids [ divide the kids into teams from 6: standing opposite to each other and in a random order and have the kids match the title with the meaning.

PS: this is good for them to remember each word and what it means.

What is Swaddling cloth: In the Jewish custom and culture, a newborn baby was washed, rubbed with salt in the belief that it hardened the skin, and then wrapped tightly, limb by limb, with “swaddling clothes” to insure the child would grow straight.

**PS: for servants;** wrapping in swaddling cloth symbolizes wrapping a dead person with wrapping cloth which was indicating the that Jesus came to die on behalf of the words

**Swaddling Clothes [Optional activity to be used as a visual aid]**

Pick one child to be wrapped in “swaddling clothes.”

Have a few other children wrap the “swaddled” child with toilet tissue, starting with the arms and moving on to his entire body.

Ask the “swaddled” child if he feels warm and secure; then, let him break free from the “clothes.”

*Have all of the participating children dispose of the tissue before resuming the lesson.*

**Luke 2:13-15**

**13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:**

**14 “Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”**

**15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem**

**and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”**

Suddenly, out of heaven, came an entire troop of angels singing praises in honor of God. They declared “Glory to God in the Highest.” The angels were praising God for His wonderful Salvation.

They sang praises to God, like we do when we pray. They thanked God and worshipped Him because He is worthy of our praises. If the whole host of angels is so quick to give glory to God, we need to praise Him for His excellent gift of Salvation! God did not bring salvation to angels; He brought salvation to us. **God is our salvation.**

**Ask the kids: What are some ways we can glorify and praise God?**

[ Liturgy, midnight praise, vespers, Agpeya... and also whenever we stand to pray or sing a tarneema or a hymn.]

Soon after the angels proclaimed praises to God, they ascended to heaven. The shepherds were excited and full of joy because they heard Jesus was born and had come to save them from sin and death. They wanted to see God’s promised Messiah; the child praised by angels in heaven; so, they went straight to Bethlehem where they found the baby Jesus lying in a manger.

**God is our salvation.**

**What is Salvation?** that Jesus died on the cross on our behalf. He gave His life for us, He was buried, and rose from the dead three days later. Jesus paid the full price for us to be forgiven of our sins. We especially love the Eucharist [ communion] because we get to have Jesus’s body and blood inside us to live by Him.

**Servants Choice: Angels Appearing [ Play/ Customs may be needed]**

Choose a couple of children to act the appearing of the angel to the shepherds.

Have the dialogue written on small cards and have the kids take turns in saying some simple sentences to announce the birth of Jesus and say the Parise

have the children playing the part of the shepherd act surprised at the appearing of the angel. And have some written cards that they can read that they want to go see baby Jesus the promised Messiah [Christ]

**Luke 2:16-20**

**16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them**

The shepherds went to see the newborn baby, and when they saw everything, the angel said was true, they were full of joy! The shepherds were so excited about the good news that they shared the good news that the angels had brought them with everyone. They knew that God had provided salvation for everyone that special night because **God is our salvation.**

The Bible says they were “glorifying and praising God.” They went back celebrating and honoring God because **God is our salvation**. We need to remember today to celebrate the precious gift of Jesus

### **PRAYER**

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus and the great salvation that is ours through Him.

**Homework activities:** [already under resources in the web]

<https://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Original/Curriculum/CURR168.PDF>

### **Email to Parents:**

Dear Parents;

This week we learned about the about the Angels and Shepherds who were present at the birth of Jesus ([Luke 2:8-20](#)). We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. Our theme was “God Is Our Salvation.”

It is exciting to know that we have salvation through Jesus Christ. God’s love for us is so great that He sent His only son to die on a cross for our sins and all we have to do is believe in Him and accept Him as our Savior. By doing this, God promises us an eternal life with Him in His Kingdom. Salvation is

Great News! We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God’s Word together.

### **Videos:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk\\_Et8d\\_98I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk_Et8d_98I)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-i3imuCAY4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5Q5STibJUQ>