



## Week 2

# Joy

### Shepherds and Angels

Luke 2:8-19

#### Talk about it

Christmas is an exciting time of the year and a word you may hear a lot is, "Joy!" What is joy? (Invite your kids to share what they think joy is.) We can have joy in our life when we love and follow God. Let's open the Bible and read about a group of people who felt joy after they got some very exciting news. We are going to open to the second part of the Bible, the New Testament and look at the book of Luke.

#### Read it

Luke 2:8-19

#### Ask it

Have you ever been super excited for something? (Invite your kids to share a time when they were excited about something that was happening.) Have you ever been filled with so much joy that you couldn't keep the excitement to yourself? (Allow kids to share how they told people what they were excited for.)

We saw in this story from the Bible that the shepherds were amazed and full of joy when the angels told them that Jesus had been born! The shepherds did not keep the news of Jesus' birth to themselves. They were too excited! They were overflowing with joy as they told people that Jesus had been born.

Jesus' birth gives us joy too! How can we respond to this good news that Jesus was born? (Help your family know that we can pray and thank God for sending Jesus. We can worship Him for how amazing He is. We can also tell others that Jesus came to earth, just like the shepherds did.) The shepherds were excited because they knew that the Savior they had been waiting for had arrived. By sending Jesus, God showed us that He loves us and wants a relationship with us. That is something to be joyful about!

#### Make it

Create a part of the Christmas story! Cut apart and decorate the shepherds and angel nativity figures. Talk about the joyful news that the angels shared with the shepherds and how the shepherds reacted.

#### Pray it

Take some time to pray as a family, and ask God that He would give you an opportunity to share the joy He has given you in this season.

*God, thank You for giving us joy by sending Your Son for us. Please help us to remember Your love for us no matter what is happening in our lives. Show us ways we can share Your joy in our lives this season. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11