

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

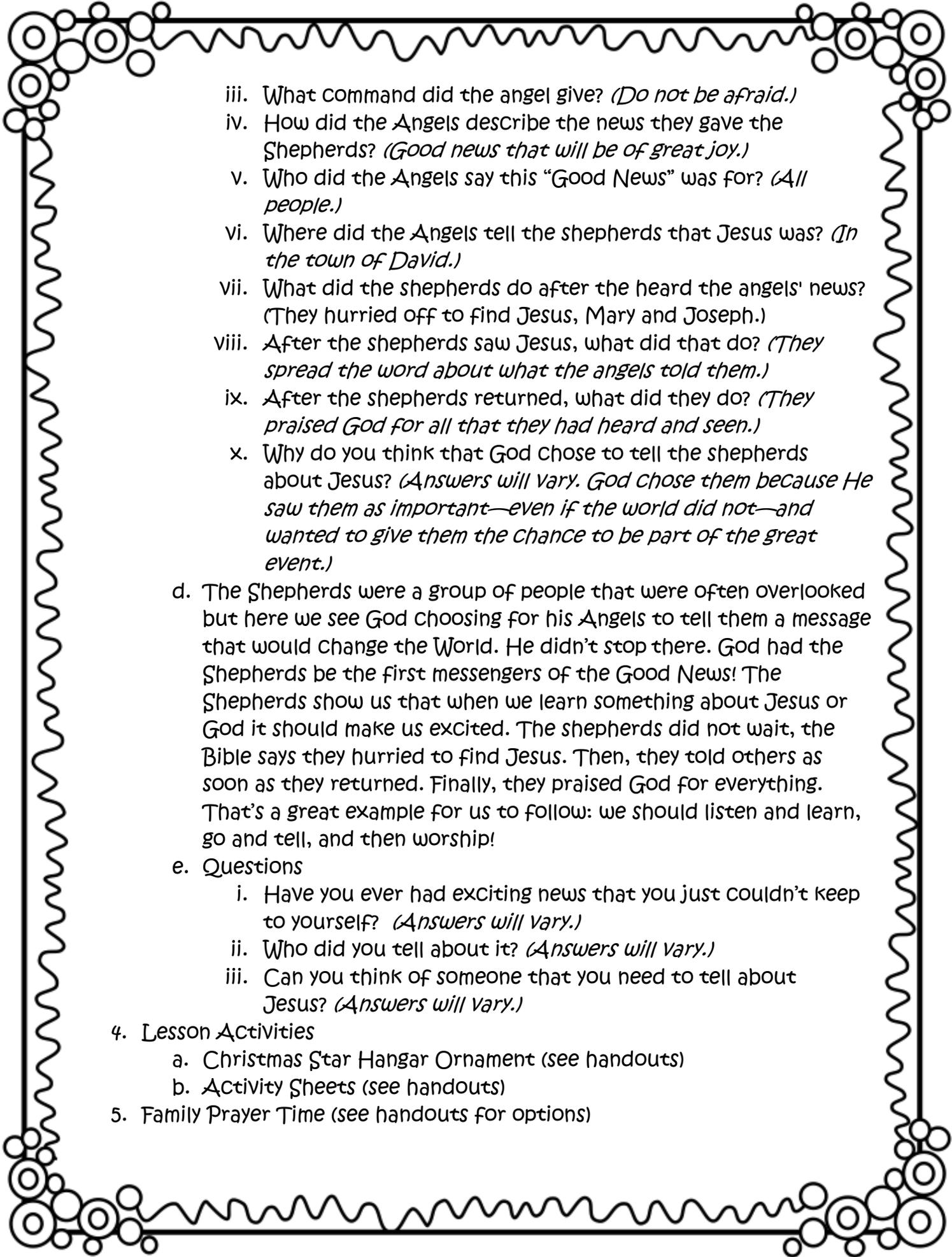
## “At-Home” Sunday School Packet

### Sunday, December 13, 2020

Today's Bible Lesson: “The Shepherds” Luke 2:6-21

\*To find links to the videos mentioned, go to the church website ([redeemerlutheran.us](http://redeemerlutheran.us)). Under Ministries, go to Youth and then Children's Ministries.

1. Begin with Luther's Morning Prayer (see handout)
2. Family Sing-A-Long videos – Pick 3 of your favorites from the videos online.
3. Today's Lesson
  - a. The Christmas story is all about the birth of Jesus Christ, and it is one of the most important stories in the Bible! When we read from the book of Luke, he tells us details about some Shepherds and how they were part of the story of Jesus' birth. It's important to know that the job of being a shepherd was not very glamorous. They worked hard, slept outside, and usually smelled like sheep. For this reason, in Biblical times, shepherds were considered “lowly.” In other words, a lot of people didn't think that shepherds were important. But God sees the value of all His children! The shepherds were out in a field doing their job taking care of their sheep when suddenly an Angel appeared and announced the birth of Jesus. They dropped everything to go and see this amazing thing that had happened and then they told others about Jesus' birth. Let's listen to the story unfold!
  - b. Read today's lesson.
  - c. Questions
    - i. What were the shepherds doing that night? (*Watching their flocks.*)
    - ii. When the shepherds saw the angels and the glorious light around them how did they feel? (*Terrified.*)

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- iii. What command did the angel give? (*Do not be afraid.*)
  - iv. How did the Angels describe the news they gave the Shepherds? (*Good news that will be of great joy.*)
  - v. Who did the Angels say this “Good News” was for? (*All people.*)
  - vi. Where did the Angels tell the shepherds that Jesus was? (*In the town of David.*)
  - vii. What did the shepherds do after they heard the angels' news? (*They hurried off to find Jesus, Mary and Joseph.*)
  - viii. After the shepherds saw Jesus, what did that do? (*They spread the word about what the angels told them.*)
  - ix. After the shepherds returned, what did they do? (*They praised God for all that they had heard and seen.*)
  - x. Why do you think that God chose to tell the shepherds about Jesus? (*Answers will vary. God chose them because He saw them as important—even if the world did not—and wanted to give them the chance to be part of the great event.*)

d. The Shepherds were a group of people that were often overlooked but here we see God choosing for his Angels to tell them a message that would change the World. He didn't stop there. God had the Shepherds be the first messengers of the Good News! The Shepherds show us that when we learn something about Jesus or God it should make us excited. The shepherds did not wait, the Bible says they hurried to find Jesus. Then, they told others as soon as they returned. Finally, they praised God for everything. That's a great example for us to follow: we should listen and learn, go and tell, and then worship!

e. Questions

- i. Have you ever had exciting news that you just couldn't keep to yourself? (*Answers will vary.*)
- ii. Who did you tell about it? (*Answers will vary.*)
- iii. Can you think of someone that you need to tell about Jesus? (*Answers will vary.*)

4. Lesson Activities

- a. Christmas Star Hangar Ornament (see handouts)
  - b. Activity Sheets (see handouts)
5. Family Prayer Time (see handouts for options)



### **Luther's Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **Luther's Evening Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



### **Luke 2:6-21**

<sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

#### The Shepherds and the Angels

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And

when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

# The Shepherd's Story

## ★ Christmas Star Hanger Ornament ★

1. Print two copies of page 2 and cut out each item. Be sure to cut out the white centers on the large circles.

2. Assemble each half of the star as shown below.

A. Glue the gold star to the back of a circle.

B. Fold the rectangular strip of paper in an accordion manner and glue one end of the strip to the center of the gold star and the other end to the center of the back of the white star. Pull the accordion tab out slightly for a 3D effect.

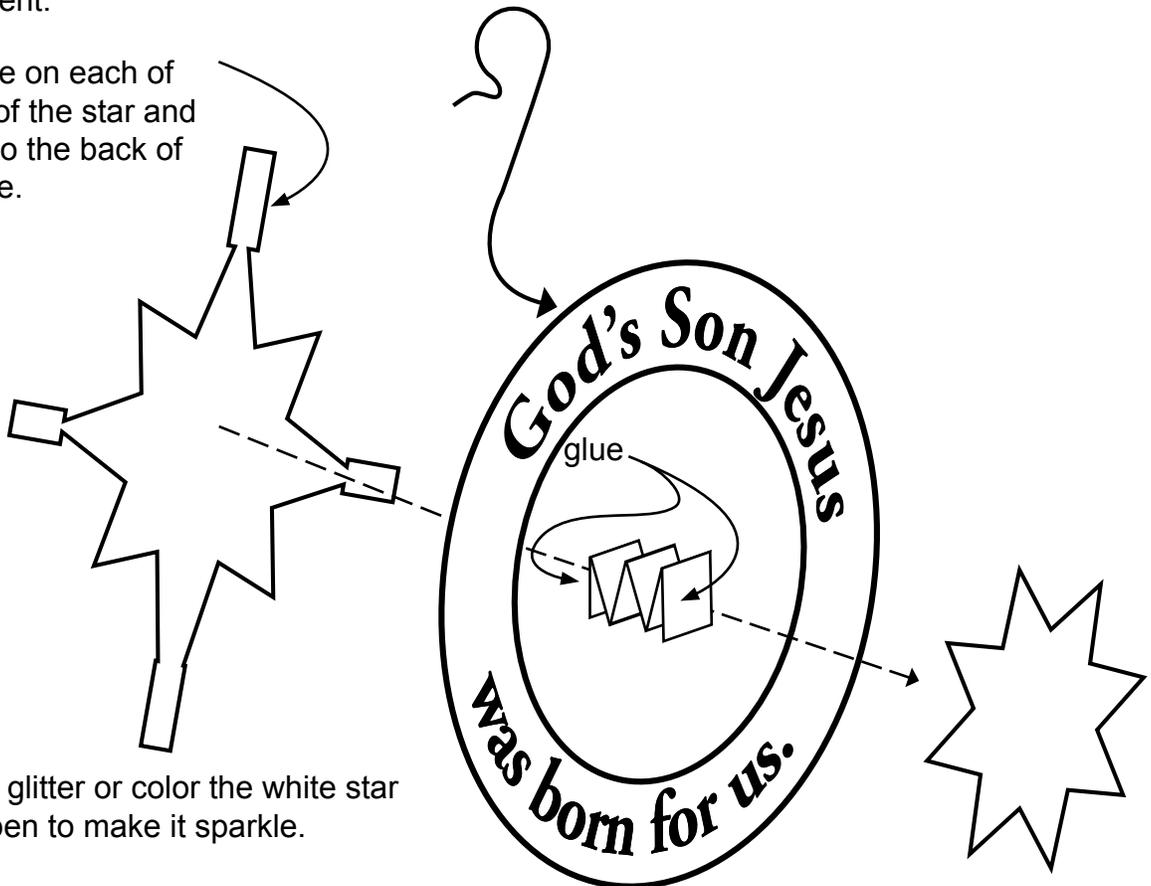
C. Repeat the process to make the back half of the ornament.

D. Glue a piece of string 10 -12 " long to the back of the first ornament half.

E. Glue the back half of the ornament to the front half, with the images on the outside. Sandwich the string between the front and back halves of the ornament.



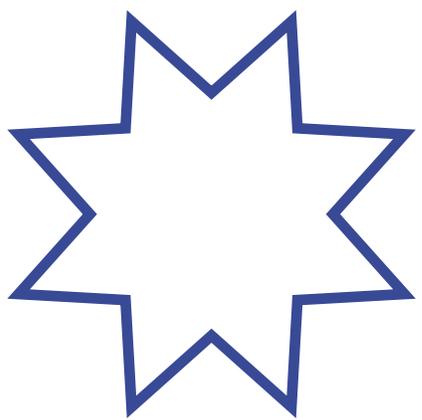
Put a little glue on each of the four tabs of the star and glue the star to the back of the large circle.



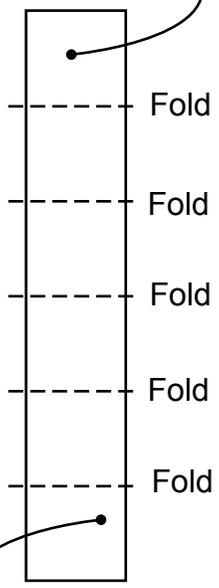
Optional: Add glitter or color the white star with a glitter pen to make it sparkle.



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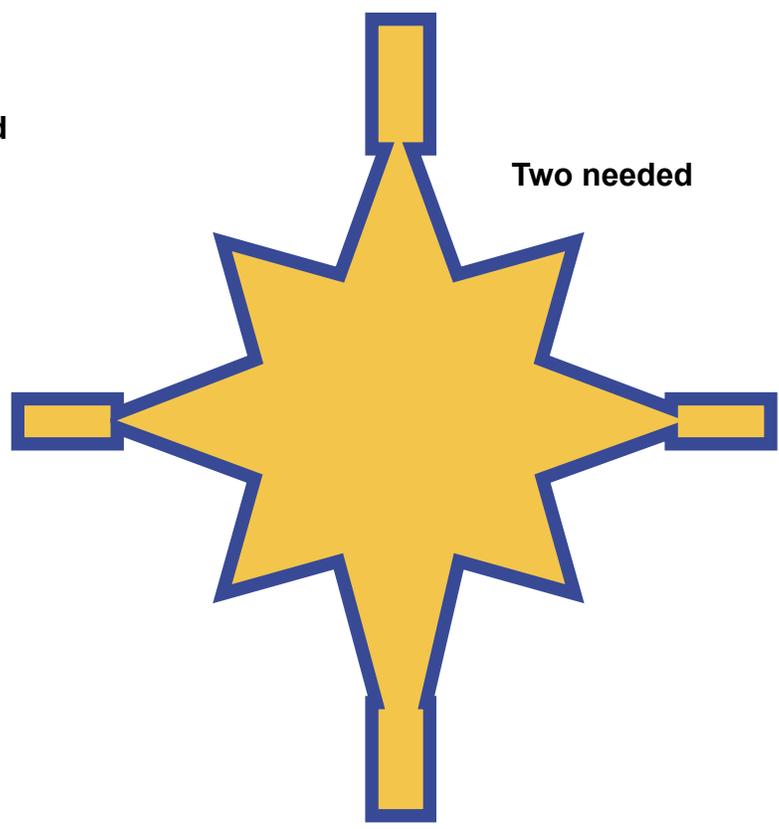


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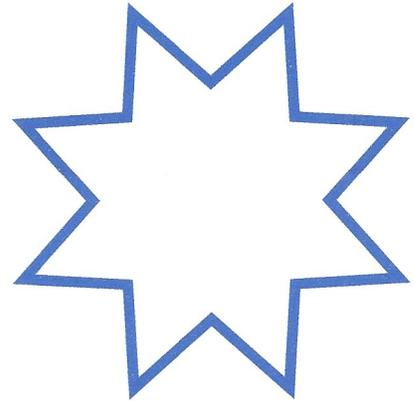
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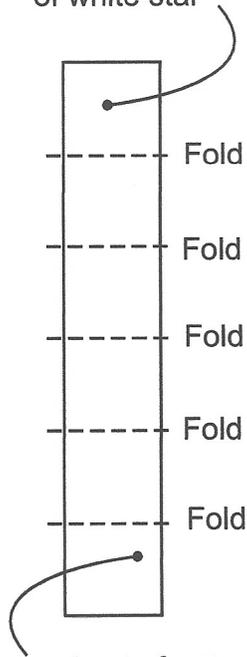




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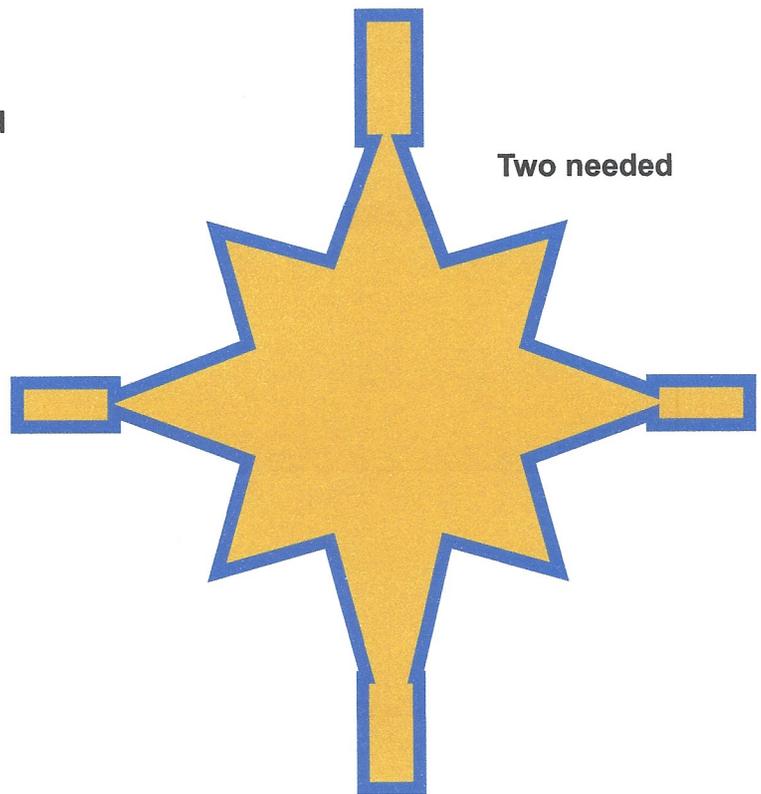


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# Shepherds Color by Number

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed, or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



1. Skin 2. Orange 3. Brown 4. Pink 5. Tan 6. Red 7. Gray 8. Green 9. Light Green 10. Purple 11. Light Blue 12. Yellow

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1. Skin, flesh, or peach
2. Orange
3. Brown
4. Pink
5. Tan
6. Red
7. Gray
8. Green
9. Light Green
10. Purple
11. Light Blue
12. Yellow



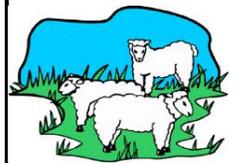
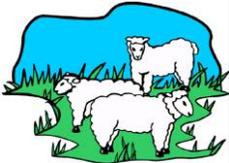
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# Shepherds Spread the Good News

Students will complete the following word search about the shepherds that spread the good news of Jesus' birth.

Words associated with Luke 2:6-21 are hidden below. They can be across, down, diagonal, or backwards.



FIELDS  
NIGHT  
ANGELS  
SHEPHERDS  
SHEEP  
JOY

GOOD NEWS  
GLORY  
PEACE  
TERRIFIED  
PRAISING  
BETHLEHEM

JESUS  
AMAZED  
MARY  
JOSEPH  
DAVID  
MESSIAH

# The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



# MY WORLD:

MONDAY

This month, I will pray for the country of \_\_\_\_\_

These are some of the things I will pray about:

# MY COMMUNITY:

WEDNESDAY

This is what I will pray about for my community:

# WHAT I AM THANKFUL FOR THIS MONTH:

SATURDAY

# MY COUNTRY:

TUESDAY

I will pray for my own country! These are some of the things I will pray about this month:

# MY FRIENDS:

THURSDAY

This month I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

These are the things I will pray about:

# WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT GOD THIS MONTH:

SUNDAY

# MY FAMILY:

FRIDAY

This month I will pray for: