

NURSERY AtHome - A Parent Resource

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

God Statement: Jesus is the Promised Savior

Memory Verse: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



Jesus is Born in Bethlehem | Luke 2:8–20

In the countryside just outside of Bethlehem, there were shepherds caring for their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel appeared before them! The angel told them that the baby Jesus had been born in Bethlehem, and he was lying in a manger. Then a choir of angels began singing and praising God. It was beautiful! The shepherds listened to everything the angel said and rushed to find the newly born King—Jesus. They found Him just as the angel described. They couldn't keep their excitement to themselves. The shepherds ran and told everyone they met that Jesus, the Savior, had been born!



Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring Jesus is the Promised Savior throughout the day. Use the extra activities to connect with God and His Word this week.

READ & PRAY

- Read Luke 2:9. How did the shepherds first respond when they saw the angel? (They were very afraid.) Why do you think they were afraid?
- Read verse 12. How did the shepherds know where to find the new baby? (They angel told them He would be wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.) What's a manger? (A long, wooden box for animals' food.)
- How did the shepherds play a special part in The Big God Story? (They listened to the angel's words, went to see Jesus, and then told everyone they could find about Him.)
- Ask God to show you how you are a part of His big story.
- Ask God to help you tell others that Jesus is Immanuel—God with us.

EXPERIENCE

Point to the pictures below to match the Big God Story statements.

- The angels who announced Christ's birth first appeared to the shepherds, who were considered the lowest segment of society at the time.
- Heaven and earth joined for a moment in celebration as a great multitude of angels spilled into the skies of earth to proclaim the arrival of Jesus.
- After seeing Jesus, the shepherds were compelled to tell others of their experience with God.



BLESS

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in *HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource* @ HomeFrontMag.com.

Child's name, may you know your heavenly Father loves you. May you know God has shown you and given you The Promise, Jesus. May God help you share the good news that Jesus is Savior.

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Point to each picture to help you tell how Jesus is the Promised Savior. Which picture is your favorite? Why?



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DECEMBER | Week 2**Jesus is Born :: Shepherds****Isaiah 9:1-2; 6-7; Luke 2**

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Discover

- A *prophet* is someone who shares God's message with His people.
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Experience

Gather around your Christmas tree and read **Luke 2:4-20**. Explain to your children that it must have been an amazing sight to see so many angels praising God together. Now lead your family in singing “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” together.

Follow

After reading through **Luke 2:4-20**, discuss these questions together:

- What did the angels say to the shepherds?
- How do you think the shepherds felt when they saw the angels?
- What do you think it means to be saved from our sins?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how Jesus is the Promised Savior throughout your everyday life as a family.

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A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know Jesus, the Savior and the hope of the world. May you remember that God always keeps His promises.**

Jesus is the Promised Savior



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