



# 2.12 Jesus' Birth/Shepherds Visit (Luke 2:1-20)

**Older SGL**

Unit 5: God Keeps His Promises

Dec. 13 & 17

**Unit Verse:**

“That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.”

**The Point:**

***God will send the Messiah to bring about God’s kingdom on earth.***

You will be reading the Christmas story in Luke today instead of SOAP. The Lead Teacher will lead or have you do it as a group. The Christmas story is on the back of this sheet.

<b>PRE-HOUR</b> Bible Skills	Free choice!
<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	Done in worship.
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-12 and John 3:16
<b>OBSERVATION:</b>	Christmas Story
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	Christmas Story
<b>PRAYER:</b>	Christmas Story
<b>LIVING THE STORY:</b>	<b>Christmas Trivia Game</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board</li> <li>- Tokens</li> <li>- One dice</li> </ul>
<b>CLEAN UP</b>	Have kids help clean up table.

## **The True story about Christmas:**

**Read** Luke 1:26-38

**Discuss:** In this passage, the angel Gabriel appeared to a young girl named Mary. What did the angel tell Mary?

**Say:** The angel Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a son. Let's read what happens next...

**READ:** Luke 2:1-20

### **DISCUSS:**

Why didn't Mary give birth in her own hometown?

Who told the shepherds about the baby?

What did the angel say about the baby?

Where did the shepherds find the baby?

**READ:** Matthew 2:1-12

### **DISCUSS:**

Why did the wise men from the east go to Jerusalem?

How did the wise men describe Jesus?

What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?

**SAY:** This is the true story of Christmas. Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. God sent his Son, Jesus, to be born on earth because he loves us very much.

**READ:** John 3:16

### **CONCLUSION:**

God loves us so much that he wants to be with us forever and ever! But we cannot be with God because we have all sinned. We have all done things that are wrong. So, God sent his Son, Jesus, to come to earth to die on the cross so that all our sins can be forgiven. And on the third day, Jesus rose from the grave!!!

You choose to accept Jesus by:

1. Admitting that you have sinned and asking God to forgive you,
2. Believing that Jesus died on the cross to be punished instead of you, and
3. Inviting Jesus into your life to help you turn away from sin.

### **PRAYER:**

Dear Jesus,

I know that I have sinned. I believe that you died on the cross to take the punishment for my sins. Please forgive all my sins. Please come into my life and help me turn away from doing wrong. Thank you for taking the punishment for my sins, I can have a relationship with you now and will one day be with you in heaven.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.