

I Can Tell Others About Jesus

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Telling the Christmas story to others

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Memory Verse: Luke 2:11 'Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'

The Children's Sermon

Hey, kids! Today, we're going to talk about a very special story. It's about Jesus, and how even today, we are supposed to tell others about Him. You know, some kids and even some grown-ups don't know that Christmas is actually Jesus' birthday. That's a big reason why we celebrate!

Imagine if it was your birthday and some of your friends didn't know. You'd want them to know so they could celebrate with you, right? Well, it's the same with Jesus' birthday. We can tell others why Christmas is so special. Just asking them why we celebrate Christmas is a great start. If they don't know it's Jesus' birthday, you can tell them!

You can even share the Christmas story with them, so they can learn about Jesus, too. Now, let's dive a bit deeper into this story, especially about some very special people called the Christmas Shepherds Witness to Jesus.

A long, long time ago, on the very first Christmas night, there were shepherds in the fields watching over their sheep. It was a quiet, dark night, just like any other. But suddenly, something amazing happened. An angel appeared in the sky! The shepherds

were very scared at first, but the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you. Today in Bethlehem, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord."

Can you imagine how surprised the shepherds must have felt? They were just going about their night, and then an angel tells them this incredible news! The angel even told them they would find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. And then, even more angels appeared, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

After the angels left, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So, they hurried off and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger, just like the angel said.

Now, here's where the Christmas Shepherds Witness to Jesus really comes into play. After seeing Jesus, the shepherds didn't just go back to their sheep and keep this news to themselves. No, they were so amazed by what they had seen that they went around telling everyone about it! They shared the good news about Jesus' birth with anyone who would listen. And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

The shepherds were some of the first people to witness about Jesus. They saw Him with their own eyes and couldn't keep it to themselves. They had to share the joy and the wonder of Jesus' birth with others. And that's something we can do, too!

You see, just like the shepherds, we can be witnesses for Jesus. When we celebrate Christmas, we're not just celebrating a holiday. We're celebrating Jesus' birthday and

the amazing love God showed us by sending His Son to be our Savior. And that's something worth sharing with everyone.

You can tell your friends, your family, and even people you meet why Christmas is so special. You can share the story of Jesus' birth, just like I'm sharing it with you. And you can tell them about the Christmas Shepherds Witness to Jesus, how they saw the baby Jesus and couldn't wait to tell everyone about Him.

Remember, you don't have to be a grown-up or someone special to tell others about Jesus. You can be a witness just like the shepherds. All it takes is a willing heart and a desire to share the good news.

So, this Christmas, let's be like the shepherds. Let's celebrate Jesus' birthday by telling others about Him. Let's share the joy and the love that comes from knowing Jesus. And let's remember that the best gift we can give anyone is the good news of Jesus Christ.

Bible Memory Verse

Luke 2:11 'Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'

You Will Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Stickers or glitter (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut out star shapes from yellow construction paper.
- Cut out small manger shapes from brown construction paper.

Do This:

1. Give each child a piece of blue construction paper for the background. Ask them to glue the yellow star at the top.
2. Have the children glue the manger shape at the bottom of the blue paper.
3. Encourage the children to decorate around the star and manger with stickers or glitter to make the scene special. As they work, remind them that Jesus is the best gift of all, born in Bethlehem, and that's what we celebrate at Christmas.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Printable Nativity characters (angels, shepherds, sheep, Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus)
- A cardboard box or large book to create a stable
- Star stickers
- Glue sticks
- Cotton balls
- Crayons or markers

Get Ready:

- Print out the Nativity characters on cardstock and cut them out.
- Set up a "stable" using a cardboard box or prop a large book open.
- Arrange a table with the Nativity characters, star stickers, glue sticks, cotton balls, and crayons or markers.

Do this:

1. Start by telling the children they're going to help tell the Christmas story from Luke 2:8-20. Explain that they will use the characters to act out the story as you read it aloud.
2. Give each child a Nativity character to color. While they color, talk about who each character is (e.g., shepherds watched their sheep, angels brought good news).
3. After coloring, help the children place cotton balls around the stable for the sheep. Then, using the characters they colored, let them retell the story in their own words, placing the characters in the stable scene. Encourage them to use the star stickers to represent the angels' joy and the glory of the Lord.
4. Conclude by emphasizing the joy of telling others about Jesus' birth, just like the shepherds did. Encourage them to share this story with their family at home.

Snack Activity: Shepherd's Starry Night Snack

You'll Need:

- Round crackers
- Cream cheese
- Sliced olives
- Baby carrots
- Pretzel sticks

Get Ready: Spread a tablecloth or paper on your activity table and place a plate and butter knife for each child. Ensure all children wash their hands before starting.

Do this:

1. Give each child a round cracker. Explain that the cracker represents the field where the shepherds were watching their sheep.

2. Have them spread cream cheese over the cracker to symbolize the night sky. The cream cheese is like the blank canvas of the night.
3. Place a sliced olive on the cracker and tell them it represents the angel that appeared to the shepherds. The angel brought good news of Jesus' birth.
4. Use baby carrots and pretzel sticks to make a mini manger scene on the plate next to the cracker. The carrots can be the manger, and the pretzel sticks can be used to create the outline of a stable.
5. As they enjoy their snack, encourage the children to tell the story of the shepherds and the angels to their friends or family, sharing the joy of Christmas just as the shepherds did.

Game Activity: Shepherd's Journey

You'll Need:

- A large open space (indoors or outdoors)
- Simple costumes or props to represent shepherds, sheep, and angels (e.g., bathrobes, headbands with ears, wings)
- Pictures of a stable, baby Jesus in a manger, and a star

Get Ready: Place the pictures of the stable, baby Jesus, and the star at one end of the play area. The children start at the opposite end as 'shepherds' and 'sheep' with a few 'angels' mixed in.

Do this:

1. Tell the children they are shepherds taking care of their sheep on the night Jesus was born. Suddenly, angels appear to tell them the good news. The 'angels' in the game will announce, 'A Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'

2. Upon hearing the news, the shepherds (children) and their sheep (other children) must hop, skip, or walk to the stable to see baby Jesus. Encourage them to express their joy and excitement as they move.
3. When they reach the stable (the picture of baby Jesus), they gather around to 'see' baby Jesus. Encourage them to share what gifts they would bring to Jesus if they were shepherds. Finish by singing a simple Christmas song together, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Craft Activity: Shepherds' Story Sticks

You'll Need:

- Popsicle sticks (large size)
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Markers
- Construction paper (blue and yellow)
- Scissors

Get Ready: Cut out small star shapes from the yellow construction paper. Cut the blue construction paper into small rectangles to make cloaks for the shepherds.

Do this:

1. Let each child choose a popsicle stick. Help them glue a cotton ball at the top for the shepherd's head.
2. Use markers to draw faces on the cotton balls.
3. Glue the blue paper cloaks around the lower part of the popsicle stick, leaving room at the top for the head.

4. Glue a yellow star to the top of the stick, above the shepherd's head, to represent the star that guided the shepherds to Jesus.
5. Encourage the children to use their shepherd sticks to tell the Christmas story to their friends and family, focusing on the shepherds' joyous journey to see baby Jesus as described in Luke 2:8-20.

Prayer Activity: Little Shepherds' Prayer

You'll Need:

- A small flashlight or a battery-operated candle for each child
- Pictures of shepherds, sheep, angels, and baby Jesus (can be from a book or printed)
- A simple, child-friendly nativity set (optional)

Get Ready: Arrange the pictures and the nativity set (if using) in a circle on the floor where the children will sit. Make sure each child has a flashlight or candle.

Do this:

1. Gather the children in a circle around the pictures and the nativity set. Give each child a flashlight or candle. Dim the lights in the room.
2. Tell the story of the shepherds in Luke 2:8-20 in simple terms. Emphasize how the angels came to the shepherds to tell them the good news about Jesus' birth.
3. After telling the story, encourage the children to shine their flashlights or candles on the pictures and the nativity set as they say a simple prayer, such as: 'Dear God, thank you for sending the angels to tell the shepherds about Jesus. Help us to share the story of Jesus with others. Amen.' Encourage them to share the Christmas story with their family and friends.