

Week of Sunday 12/20 – Saturday 12/26



LOVE

The Shepherds Visit Jesus

Bible Activities

- Bible story video
- Puppet show video
- Shepherd craft
- Shepherd coloring sheet
- Popsicle stick puppet activity
- Read the Bible story together
- Share the Bible story with a friend
- Table Talk Questions



Check out the website for videos and digital copies of the curriculum.

Worship Together

- “Go Tell It on the Mountain”
- “Away in a Manger”
- “I Find My Joy”
- Memory Verse
- Pray together

Family Fun Activities

Christmas Lights

- Make a cup of hot cocoa for everyone in your family.
- Take your hot cocoa in the car and go look at Christmas lights together.

Advent Calendar

- Starting December 1, open the numbered envelope that corresponds with the date.
- Repeat each day leading up to Christmas.

Bible Story

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Reference: Luke 2:8-20

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Questions & Prayer

1. Where was Jesus born? Was it a special place?
2. Why was Jesus a special baby?

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to us! Thank you for sending Him to rescue us. We love you!

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Memory Verse

			
But the angel said	to them,	“Do not be afraid.	I bring
			
to you	good news	that will cause	great joy
			
for all	the people.	Today in	the town of David
			
a Savior	has been born	to you;	he is
		Luke 2:10-11	
the Messiah,	the Lord.”		

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