

DECEMBER 2020 | WEEK 3

Caroling All the Way

FAMILY ADVENT 

THIS WEEK

Sing your favourite Christmas carols around the neighbourhood together. Bundle up and start when it's still light out. If you're a little shy about singing in public, you can always pre-arrange with family or friends to drive out and sing, just for them! Once you've finished, come home and read the Bible verse and discussion guide on page two together.

Here is a list of popular Christmas songs to get you started:

- Joy to the World
- Silent Night
- O Holy Night
- Away in a Manger



BIBLE READINGS

Luke 2:1-20

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Questions to ask your kids:

- Would you like to quit school and wander the countryside every day, helping a herd of sheep find fresh green grass?
- Would you be scared to sit in the dark all night long, watching over your sheep?
- Would you be brave enough to scare away hungry animals who wanted to attack your sheep?

In Bible times, wealthy owners of sheep often hired other people to care for them. Sometimes, the sheep owner would send his own children out to the fields to look after the family's flock. It's possible some of the shepherds who saw the angel were children as young as ten years old!

The shepherds heard and believed the angel's message. Their fears that their sheep would get lost, or wolves might steal them in the night, no longer seemed important. Seeing Jesus was something they just had to do and none of them wanted to miss out.

Mary and Joseph must have been amazed and encouraged to hear the story from the shepherds. The Bible says that Mary never forgot what they told her. No one expected God's promised Saviour to come born as a baby. To the people of the town this meant one amazing thing: God is with us!

As was stated earlier, some of the shepherds may have only been around ten years old. Their young age didn't prevent them from being used by God. They simply believed God's message and told others what they knew. You can do that too! When someone you love is having a tough time, you can remind them that God is with them and that can make a big difference. When you worship Jesus in public places or share what you know about Him with others you are making a difference for God's Kingdom!

Close with a time of prayer, thanking God for the reason for the season.