

REFERENCES: LUKE 2; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16, 17; REVELATION 1:7; 14:1-3; 21; 22;
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Angels Sing to the Shepherds

Memory Verse:

“[The Lord] said, ‘I love you.’” JEREMIAH 31:3, ICB.

The Message:

Jesus likes to be with us.

Parents:

By the end of the month you can help your child:

Know that Jesus came from heaven and will take us there someday.

Feel happy that Jesus came and will take us to heaven someday.

Respond by thanking Jesus for coming and for the gift of heaven.



*Victor is camping out. Victor sleeps outside, under the stars.
It is cool. In the Bible story shepherds sleep under the stars.*

The youngest shepherd is lying on the grass. *(Point to the boy.)* All day he has followed the sheep. Now he is tired. The sheep are tired. *(Point to the resting sheep.)* It is time to sleep.

Sh! The big shepherds talk softly. They talk about God. *(Pretend to yawn.)*









See the bright angel! *(Point to the angel.)*

The angel speaks to the shepherds. “Do not be afraid. I bring good news! Today in Bethlehem City a special baby is born—Jesus, the Lord! Look for Him lying in a manger.”



Singing, singing.
Shining angels
are singing. *(Point to
the angels.)* Angels
are singing in the sky.
“Glory to God!” they
sing. “Glory! Peace
to all people!”

The happy angels
sing and sing. The
shepherds listen
and listen. *(Point to
the shepherds.)*









Running, running. The shepherds are running to Bethlehem City. *(Run with child around the room.)* They want to see Baby Jesus. The youngest shepherd wants to see Baby Jesus too.

Knocking,
knocking.
(Point to the shepherds.)
All the shepherds
knock on doors.

“Have you seen the
baby in the manger?”
they ask. “Where is
the baby Jesus?”

Look, over there!
What is that light?
(Point to the light.)
Hurry to see the baby!









Look! Look!
Look into the manger. *(Point to the manger.)* See Baby Jesus. *(Point to Baby Jesus.)*

Kneel, kneel.
Kneel, shepherds.
(Kneel and bow head.)
Kneel down and
worship Baby Jesus.

God sent Baby
Jesus because God
loves us. Thank You,
God.



Now Jesus is
in heaven.
Someday He will
come and take us to
live with Him there.

Jesus loves you
and me. He wants us
to be with Him forever.
(Pray.) Thank You,
Jesus. Come soon. We
want to live with You
forever. Amen.





Count the days to the day the world calls Jesus' birthday. Remind your child that Jesus will come again, because He wants us to be with Him.

Have your child look at the clouds. Ask: Can you imagine Jesus and His angels coming in them someday? Talk about how everyone will see and hear Him come.

Cut cookie dough into Christmas shapes (trees, stars, angels) and bake them. Gift wrap the cookies when cool. Share them with a friend or an elderly person.

Do & Say

Study these suggestions for something to do each day. Select those that are appropriate for your child's developmental stage and repeat them often.

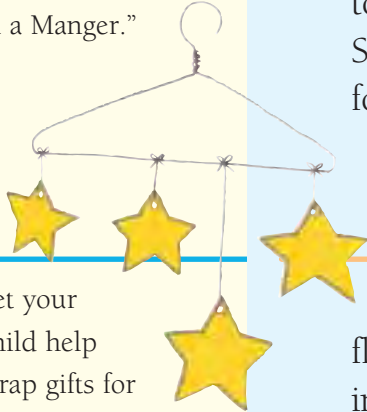


Play a recording of some majestic choir music for your child. Talk about how the angels sang when Jesus was born, and how we will sing songs to God in heaven.

Shake a rattle or homemade instrument while you sing the memory verse song. Sing a song about heaven, or make up one of your own.

Act out being a gentle animal while your child is a ferocious animal. Pretend you meet in heaven and play nicely together. Switch roles.

Make some stars and hang them above your child's bed. Sing "Away in a Manger."



Let your child help wrap gifts for the family or a charity. Talk about giving gifts and Jesus' gift to us.

Help your child name and count on their fingers family and friends they want to see in heaven. Remind your child that you want to be there with all your family.

Help your child count out an offering to take to Sabbath School. Say: This is our gift for Jesus.

Show your child a flower. Don't put it in water. See how long it takes for it to die. Say: Things will not die in heaven.

Help your child make a Nativity scene using materials you have at home. Talk about Jesus' birth.



Look at the stars in the night sky. Say: Heaven is high, higher than the stars. Jesus came from heaven and will take us there someday.

Take your child to look at some big houses. Remind your child that Jesus is building a mansion for them, one that is better than the big houses they see.

Put a white adult T-shirt on your child as a heavenly robe. Help them pretend they are in heaven.