

Year B - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



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Good news, which will make everyone happy!



- Introduction**
- Ever since the world was created, God's love has been revealed to the human family in many ways.
 - Begin by asking the children to share some of the ways they know that God loves us (parents and the love of their family, creation etc).



- Message**
- There are so many ways God tells us of his love, but the most amazing, the most wonderful revelation of God's love is Jesus!
 - Why?
 - Because Jesus IS God!
 - God wanted to show us how much he loved us so he became one of us! Jesus is God in the flesh - God with skin on!
 - Share the Christmas story with the children and then ask them about what are the parts of the story that stand out to them and why (you may want to display the scripture poster of the Nativity on page two).
 - Before Jesus came into the world there was so much distance between God and His people, they had forgotten about how much God loves them and so they had forgotten to love God and love one another.
 - When Jesus was born it was like a light came into this dark world, showing us God's love.
 - And every time one of us chooses to be a friend to Jesus, to be a Christian, it is like we add our light to his, making this world a brighter places and showing everyone the love of God.

- Discussion**
- Sometimes Jesus is called the 'Light of the world'. What happens when you light a candle in a dark room?
 - When we become followers of Jesus, we receive his light so that we can share it with others too! So, imagine if one light was joined by many other lights! What would happen to the room?
 - Jesus shared his light in so many ways.
 - What are some ways we can the light of Jesus in our lives?