

Shepherds Announce the Good News of Jesus' Birth



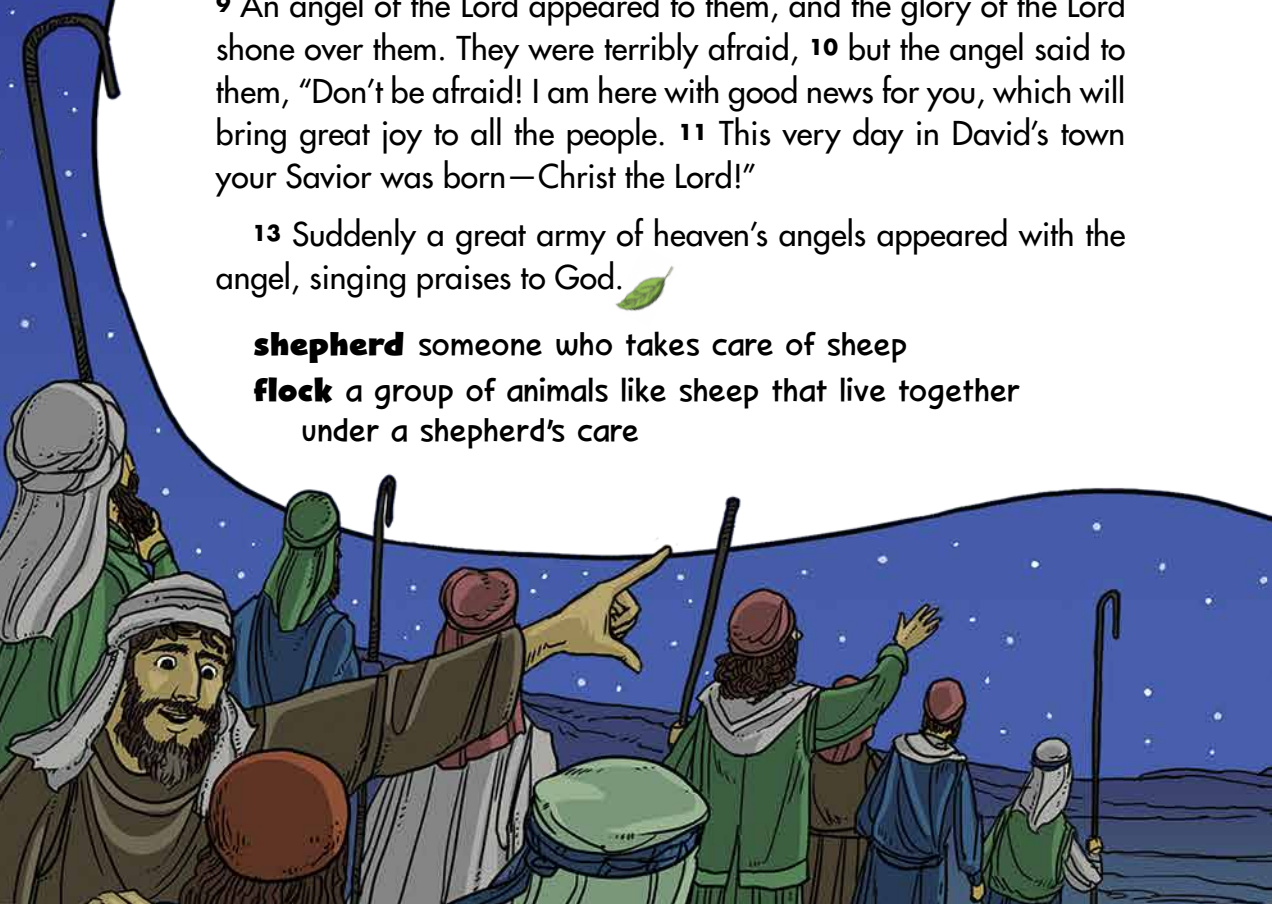
Luke 2:8–11, 13 (For the full story, read Luke 2:1–20.)

8 There were some **shepherds** in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their **flocks**.
 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, 10 but the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. 11 This very day in David’s town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!”

13 Suddenly a great army of heaven’s angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God.

shepherd someone who takes care of sheep

flock a group of animals like sheep that live together under a shepherd’s care



Understand it!

At Christmas we sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come." We echo the message shepherds heard on the night Jesus was born. The messenger was an angel. He was mighty, shining with God's glory and lighting up the dark sky. No wonder the shepherds were afraid. But their fear turned to joy at the news of the birth of Jesus. The angel said Jesus would be their Savior, a person who would keep them safe from sin and from death. This was good news not just for the shepherds. It was good news for all people. That is why we celebrate Christmas as a time of joy every year. Jesus makes the angels in Heaven and all people on earth sing with joy!

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Live It!

The shepherds told others the Good News of Jesus' birth. Pretend you are a shepherd telling a neighbor about the birth of Jesus. What would you tell the neighbor about the following:

- what you saw and heard
- how it made you feel
- what you plan to do now that Jesus has come into the world

Say a prayer thanking Jesus for coming to save us from sin so we could live with him forever.

Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell this story in your own words.

