

LUKE 2

Notes:

Vs 1-20 NEEDS:

Mary & Joseph: Travel; Paying Taxes; A place to stay and have a baby;

Shepherds: safety for the sheep; sleep

The shepherds' humble position gave them time to pursue the Christ child whereas others may have been too busy with their bustling businesses to take time to honor Him. The shepherds had time for relation and wonder. They even had time to tell others about Jesus. (Who/what are we not taking time for? Why? What is our need/excuse? The humble shepherds were "givers" rather than takers. Which are we? Why? Do we consume both resources and people? - Do those always go hand in hand? - Do we live simply so we have time to honor people?)

What does Jesus' humble beginning and His humble lifestyle teach us?

Vs 21-38 NEEDS:

Mary & Joseph: a name for the baby; a sacrifice for the consecration;

Simeon: to see the Messiah; release from life;

Anna: a place to belong (the temple);

Gentiles: the light of revelation;

Israel: the light of glory

Are we waiting for the right things? When we get what we are waiting for, what is our response? Does our life change?

Vs 33-35: Meeting the needs of the Gentiles and Israel was not going to be pleasant in the short term.

Vs 39-51 NEEDS:

Mary and Joseph and Jesus: a time of "normalcy"; both "space" from Jesus and then to find him; answers to the questions that came with being around Jesus;

Jesus: To be connected to His Father;

What do we assume about our community/family that we should be glad we can assume? What do we assume about our community/family that we should not assume?

KID'S THEME: THE ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS - **Luke 2:8-20**;

MEMORY VERSE: "It is good to sing to our God." Psalm 147:1
(What do we sing about?....the good things God has done!)

STORY:

The Bible tells us this about the shepherds and angels:

A group of shepherds were staying with their sheep in a field. It was night, and quite dark. All of a sudden, there were a lot of bright lights, and they were scared!

An angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I have good news for everyone! Today, in Bethlehem, God's Son was born. You will find him wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Then the sky was filled with angels that were praising God.

When the angels had gone, the shepherds decided to go into the city and find out what had happened. They found Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus. After they had seen Him, they went and told others about what had happened.

Crafts:

Make a halo to hang as ornament.

Make musical instruments and sing God's praise!

SONGS: "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

"Angels We Have Heard On High" (Glooooooorrrrrriiiiiiaaa)

"Hallelu, Praise Ye The Lord"

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE/STORY: Joseph teaches Jesus - **Luke 2:39-40**

What is the LESSON THEME, or GOAL that you want the kids to learn?

God wants fathers to teach their children.

God wants children to learn from & obey their fathers.

MEMORY VERSE: "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 (part or all for every Sunday in this series)

SONGS:

"My Perfect Father" from Kids on Rock

"Make Your Dad Glad"

CRAFTS: (gift for Dad?)

Make a frame using the jigsaw puzzle pieces. Take a picture of Dad to put in it.

Make a checker board & game pieces. Dad can teach you how to play.

Make a tic-tac-toe board along the same lines as the checker board.

Make a stamp of Dad's name and use it to make stationery or note cards.

Make a handprint to give Dad.

Make a growing chart. Make words to note that as Dad grows to be like Jesus, I will grow to be like Dad.

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Do an "acrostic" of Dad's name, using each letter to begin a word for something Dad has taught you. Talk about things dad has taught you already and things he will yet teach you.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Have a memory night. Let Dad tell some of his favorite memories of his Dad and childhood. Have Mom share some memories of her Dad. Let the kids tell their favorite memories of Dad and Grandpas.

