

Asher The Shepherd

Key Word: Ponder

Key Verse: "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." *Luke 2:15b*

Hello! My name is Asher and I am a shepherd. My dad and his brothers are all shepherds. I never liked being with the sheep, but my dad hurt his leg and I have to take care of his sheep and I have to help my uncle and I have to help my uncle, too.

Usually when I was out with the sheep my mind would wander off, and I would dream that one day something would happen that would change my life. Somehow I thought it would be a chance to work with medicine and helping people get well, and I guess that is what happened, just not in the way I dreamed about it.

One evening it was breezy and cool, so I was sitting near my uncles and hoping none of the sheep would wander off. I must have closed my eyes for a moment. I heard my uncles calling out to hide and right there in front of me was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. I found out that this was an angel, a messenger from God. The angel said we should not be afraid, that there was good news. He

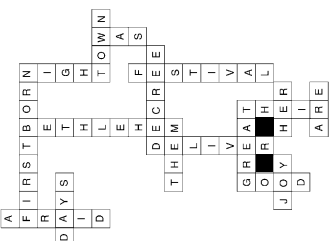
told us about a baby boy being born in Bethlehem, in a stall. He said we needed to go there and see this tiny child, wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Then the entire hillside was full of angels who were singing and praising God. My heart was beating so hard I could hardly breathe. The angels went away then, but my uncles and I knew we had to leave right away to see this little miracle baby.

When we got to Bethlehem, it was just like the angel said. In the manger was this tiny child all wrapped up, and I think he smiled at me! Deep in my heart I knew that when he grew up I would be helping tell others of the good works he would do. It made my shepherding much easier to do.

Questions

- What did the young shepherd want to do when he grew up?
- What did the angels tell him and his uncles?

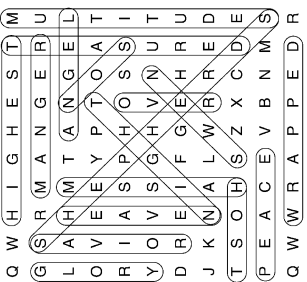


Puzzle Without Numbers

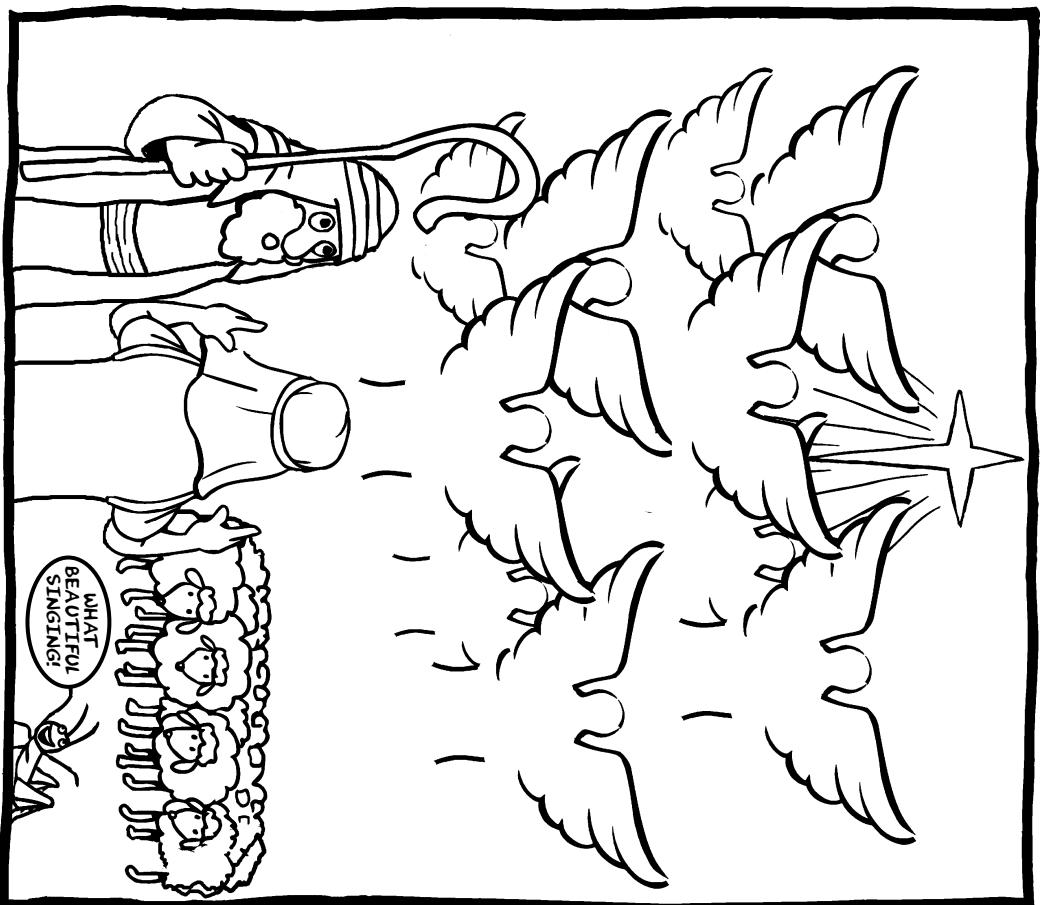
DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR SEE I AM BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

Letter Find

Answers



Word Search



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)**

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Word Search

At least 17 words are hidden in the letters below. How many can you locate from the word list? The first one is already done for you.

Word List	Q W H I G H E S T M
ANGEL	G S R M A N G E R U
GLORY	L A H M T <u>A N G E L</u>
HEAVEN	O V E E Y P T O A T
HIGHEST	R I A S P H O S S I
HOST	M U L T I T U D E
MANGER	Y O V S G H V N U T
MESSIAH	D R E I F G E H R U
MULTITUDE	J K N A L W R R E D
NEWS	T S O H S Z X C D E
NIGHT	P E A C E V B N M S
OVER	Q W W R A P P E D R
PEACE	
SAVIOR	
SHEPHERDS	
SON	
TREASURED	
WRAPPED	

Puzzle Without Numbers

Fill in the empty boxes with letters that will spell one of the words listed below.

- 3 Letter Words**
WAS
JOY
HER
ARE
- 4 Letter Words**
TOWN
THEM
DAYS
GOOD
- 5 Letter Words**
NIGHT
GREAT
THEIR
- 6 Letter Words**
DECREE
AFRAID
- 7 Letter Word**
DELIVER
- 8 Letter Word**
FESTIVAL
- 9 Letter Words**
BETHLEHEM
FIRSTBORN

Letter Find

By following the key for this puzzle, fill in each box with the assigned letter to reveal a message from today's Gospel story.

11	16	21	16	22	9	10	14	13	25	14	6	11	.	
13	16	25	20	10	10	—	6	14	2				,	
9	25	6	21	8	6	21	8	5	16	1	8	16	16	11
21	10	3	20	16	13	8	25	10	14	22	17	16	5	
13	16	25	14	19	19	22	15	10	23	10	16	23	19	10

Key

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	9	12	11	10	13	8	15	6	17	4	19	2	21	16	23	18	25	20	22	1	24	3	26	5	7