

Lesson 2 **The Visit of the Shepherds**

Objective: To learn that when we accept the Good News of Jesus, we must share it with our friends.

Background: When God sent His son Jesus, the promised Savior, He also sent an angel to make the news known. The news the angel brought to the shepherds two thousand years ago is still good news today because we all have sinned and need a Savior.

Instruction: Read over carefully Luke 2:8-20, 21-38; Matthew 2:1-12 before you study Luke 2:8-20.

Let's Think

1. Imagine you were one of the shepherds camping out. Draw a picture of the scene, and tell what you and the shepherds were doing before the angel appeared, and how you all felt when he appeared to tell you the Good News. (Luke 2:8,9)

2. Why did the angel say that the birth of Jesus is "Good News" which will bring great joy? (Luke 2:10,11 and Matthew 1:20,21) And he said the News is for "all people". Who are the "all people"? Give examples.

3. When did you shepherds go to find Jesus? Did you have a hard time finding Him? Give reasons. Did you keep the good news to yourself after you met Jesus? Explain (Luke 2:16,17)

4. How did you shepherds feel on your way back? What did you praise God for? Why?

5. Please put the following activities of "the shepherds" in the order of their experiences:

- thanked God for the good news,
- met Jesus personally,
- heard the good news of Jesus,
- shared the good news of Jesus with others,

Can you put your name before each activity (experience) listed above? Be honest!

6. Is the Good News of Jesus for your friends too? (Review Exercise 2) If so, would you share the News with one of your friends that Jesus loves him or her and invite them to the Bible Study to learn more about Jesus?

Let's Remember: And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 21:10,11)