

A LAMB'S CHRISTMAS POEM ☆

Children create a lovable lamb, complete with a poem, to remind them of the wonderful birth of Jesus.

by Lauren ShelNutt

TOPICS:

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Hope, Shepherd

MATERIALS:

A Lamb's Christmas Poem [PDF] [Click here](#)
5 Cotton Balls per child
Glue stick or white glue
Black construction paper
Safety scissors, white crayon or piece of chalk



[Click here for examples](#)

DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Print and cutout a Lamb's Christmas Poem for each child. Cut black construction paper in half, so that each child will have half a sheet.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Today we are going to create a card to remind us of the wonderful birth of Jesus.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

1. Instruct children to use their white crayon to trace their hand on the black half sheet of construction paper vertically with their fingers spread out facing towards the bottom of the page.
2. Instruct children to glue the poem on the back of the black sheet of construction paper.
3. Tell students to spread out the cotton balls and glue them to the "palm" of their hand layouts making the body of the sheep nice and fluffy.
4. Have kids draw eyes and hoofs on the hand with white crayon.
5. Have each child write his or her name _____'s Lamb
6. Read the poem aloud as a class a few times.

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A LAMB'S CHRISTMAS POEM

We were asleep in the fields at night
I woke up to see such a sight!
Angels singing high, in the sky
My shepherd was frightened as he walked by
He heard the Angel say, "Don't be afraid"
He told us to follow the bright star that was
displayed
My shepherd's feet ran with feet filled with joy
As we set out to find this baby Jesus boy
We found him in a manger with hay
I snuggled up close to where he was laid
Soon after, we arrived my shepherd ran out
I followed him quickly to see what this was about
We ran to town to spread the news of His birth
My shepherd told everyone about Jesus, the hope for
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THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS

LESSON 4: THE SHEPHERDS ☆

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In this lesson, the children will learn about the Shepherds and the joy that filled them upon hearing news of Jesus' birth. They let this excitement change their plans, their hearts, and their actions. They also made the choice to share this Good News with others!
by Lauren Shelnett

TOPICS

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Evangelism, Joy, Shepherd

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

Share the Joy (Activity) [Click here](#)

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Luke 2:10 NIV

Discuss how the shepherds fear turned to joy and then recite the verse several times as a class.

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Introduction:

Today we are going to continue talking about some of the people that were part of the Christmas story. The Christmas story is all about the birth of Jesus Christ and it is one of the most important stories in the Bible! When we read from the book of Luke, he tells us details about some Shepherds and how they were part of the story of Jesus' birth. The Shepherds were out in a field taking care of their sheep when suddenly an Angel appeared and announced the birth of Jesus. They dropped everything to go and see this amazing thing that had happened and then they joyfully told others about it as well! Let's listen to the story unfold.

Read Luke 2:6-21

Discussion Questions:

1. What were the shepherd doing that night? (*Watching their flocks.*)
2. When the shepherd saw the angels and the glorious light around them how did they feel? (*Terrified.*)
3. What command did the angel give? (*Do not be afraid.*)
4. What did the shepherds do after the heard the angels' news? (*They hurried off to find Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.*)
5. After the shepherds saw Jesus, what did that do? (*They spread the word about what the angels told them.*)
6. After the shepherds returned, what did they do? (*They praised God.*)

FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Spread the Light (Object Talk) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

A Lamb's Christmas Poem (Craft) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Allow the kids to eat candy canes as their snack. Share with them that the candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's staff. The staff was used by the shepherds to protect and guide their sheep. Ask the students to remember the shepherds whenever they see a candy cane.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5 MINUTES)

Shepherds in the Field at Night (Song) [Click here](#)

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SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD AT NIGHT ☆

We need to joyfully tell others about Jesus. Sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."
by Lauren Shelnutt

TOPICS:

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Joy, Shepherd

MATERIALS:

Song sheet [PDF] [Click here](#)

DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes



SONG LYRICS

Shepherds in the field at night
Keeping their sheep safe, in sight
Then when quickly overhead
Angels came down and they said
Do not be afraid tonight
The star appearing's not just light

We bring news of the newborn King
Then the angels began worshipping
Glory to God on high
He has come to save us nigh

The shepherds heard their news of joy
They ran to find the baby boy
Jesus in a manger lay
With angels praising Him that day
They ran out to tell the news
Sharing joy from heavens cues

When God sent His Son to us
Do not be timid to discuss
Share good news vocally
Near and far—not just locally
Shepherds in the fields at night
Would never forget that amazing sight

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SPREAD THE LIGHT ☆

In this activity, children will discover the story of how the world became a dark place. They will learn Jesus came to be the Light of the World and how we, as followers of Jesus, must share the light to give hope to others.

by Lauren Shelnett

TOPICS:

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Evangelism, Hope, Light, Sin

MATERIALS:

1 Strong Flashlight, 5 smaller flashlights
Glow in the dark stars
Optional: Blacklight

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



PREPARATION:

Gather supplies. Practice charging time for glow objects with the flashlights. If used, position the backlight for the highest glow impact.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

When God created everything, the world was beautiful and good. Then, Satan convinced Adam and Eve that “good” was not enough and they made a bad choice—disobeying God. When we make bad choices, and don’t follow God’s plan that’s called sin. They committed the first sin and the world would never be the same. After the world was filled with sin, it became a dark place. God no longer walked in the garden with Adam and Eve. He was separated from us because He hates sin. *(Shut off the classroom lights)*

People lived in this darkness for hundreds of years. They were separated from God and had to go to the temple to visit special priests to make things right with God and be forgiven for the bad choices that they had made. When Jesus came into the world a bright star appeared in the sky. When He was born, there was not just an actual star in the sky, but rather Jesus the Light of the World was born. *(Turn on the flashlight)*. Jesus was called the light of the world because He brought something into the world that people had not had for a long time—hope.

This beautiful bright star caused the Wisemen to seek Him. Wisemen traveled far and presented Him with beautiful gifts—but this took a long time for them to find Him. Some people who study the Bible think Jesus might have been two or three years old when the Wisemen visited. You can bet the Wisemen told other scholars about their encounter with Jesus. *(Take 2 smaller flashlights and allow children to shine them on 4 or 5 stars to “charge them” for 20 seconds.)*

The Shepherds ran to find Jesus as soon as the Angels told them of His birth. *(Take another small flashlight and place it on a glow star)*. When the shepherds found Jesus they were filled with joy. They were so excited and passionate about what they saw they ran to tell everyone they came across about the Good News in the birth of Jesus. *(Take 2 smaller flashlights and allow children to shine them on 4 or 5 stars to “charge them” for 20 seconds or so.)* You see, the more people that find out about Jesus, the less dark our world becomes. And now that you know about Him—you too need to share the Good News that Jesus came down to save us from our sin so that one day we can be with God in heaven. He changed the world and brought hope of heaven to this dark world. We must learn from the shepherds and spread the light *(Remove flashlights from stars and let the room shine)*. Let’s wipe out the darkness and share the news about Jesus! *(Turn on the blacklight or room lights back on.)*

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SHARE THE JOY ☆

A fun activity that teaches children that there are many ways to share our joy from Jesus with others.

by Lauren Shelnett

TOPICS:

Evangelism, Joy

MATERIALS:

Activity Page [PDF] [Click here](#) [Solution](#)

Crayons or colored markers

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class print an activity page for each child.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Before handing out an activity sheet and crayons or colored markers to the children, explain that there are many ways and different places we can share our joy from Jesus with others. Some of the people include friends, family, and neighbors. Places can include school, playgrounds, and other places around the world.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Have students draw a line to match the words with the pictures that illustrate some of the people and places they can share the Joy of Jesus. Children will then color the pictures.

Timesaving Option: Match the words with the pictures as a class.



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Name: _____

SHARE THE JOY

Directions: Draw a line to match the words with the pictures that illustrate some of the people and places you can share the Joy of Jesus. Then, color the pictures.

I can share my JOY from Jesus with...

My Friends



My Family



My School



My World

