



## Monthly Theme: All Aboard! Let Jesus Lead the Way

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### LESSON - GOD’S PLAN!

**Supply:** Flashlight

All aboard, Victory Kids! Choo, choo! Every train needs lights to see where it’s going in the dark, right? Well, God gave the world a light, too, not a flashlight or a lantern, but something way brighter: Jesus! Today, we’re going to hear how God’s light led some shepherds to find baby Jesus and how we can follow His light, too!

It was a dark and quiet night. The shepherds were out in the fields, taking care of their sheep.

Let’s pretend we’re the shepherds; shhh, it’s nighttime! (lower your voice) “Baaa,” said the sheep. Everything was calm and still.

But suddenly — FLASH!(Turn on flashlight) The whole sky lit up with a bright, shining light! An angel appeared and said, “Don’t be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy today, a Savior has been born!” The shepherds looked up in amazement! The light was so bright because it was God’s glory shining all around. The angel told them that baby Jesus, God’s Son, had been born in Bethlehem!

**SAY IT:** Jesus is the Light of the world!

**DO IT:** Wiggle your fingers high in the air like shining stars!

After the angels went back to heaven, the shepherds said, “Let’s go see what the angels were talking about!” They hurried to Bethlehem, following what the angel had said. When they got there, they found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus lying in a manger just like the angel told them! The light had led them straight to God’s Son. They didn’t need a map, God showed them the way! And when they saw Jesus, their hearts were full of joy.

**SAY IT:** I can follow Jesus!

**DO IT:** Pretend to walk in a line, by walking in place in your seats, following the light with big happy steps.

The shepherds were so excited! They ran to tell everyone the good news: “Jesus is born! The Savior has come!” They couldn’t keep it a secret; they wanted the whole world to know! You and I can do that too! We can tell others about Jesus when we are shining His light for everyone to see. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” That means His light shines through us! So, when we smile, share, and love others, we are shining God’s light for others to see.

**SAY IT:** I can shine for Jesus!

**DO IT:** Hold your hands up high and wiggle your fingers like shining lights!

**PRAYER:** Dear GOD, thank You for sending Jesus, the Light of the world. Thank You for showing the shepherds the way to Him. Help me to follow Your light every day and shine for You in everything I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

#### 2 & 3YR OLDS

**Question 1:** Was it nighttime when the angels came to the shepherds? **(Yes)**

**Question 2:** Did the angel tell the shepherds to hide? **(No)**

**Question 3:** Did the shepherds find baby Jesus? **(Yes)**

**Question 4:** Can we shine for Jesus too? **(Yes)**

#### 4YRS - 1ST GRADE

**Question 1:** Who were the first people to hear about baby Jesus? **The shepherds!**

**Question 2:** What did the angel say to them? **Don’t be afraid — Jesus is born!**

**Question 3:** What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus? **They told everyone the good news!**

**Question 4:** How can we shine our light for Jesus? **When we smile, share, love others, and tell others about Jesus**



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### ACTIVITY 1: NATIVITY PUZZLE HUNT!

**Items Needed:** Nativity Floor Puzzle

**Connection:** Christmas is an amazing time to remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! It’s the most wonderful time of the year!

**Step 1:** Have children sit together on the floor and instruct them to close their eyes.

**Step 2:** While their eyes are closed, teachers will hide the puzzle pieces around the room. When all the puzzle pieces are hidden, children can open their eyes and begin to look for the puzzle pieces.

**Step 3:** After all the puzzle pieces are found sit together and put the puzzle together. Once the puzzle is complete, talk about all the nativity characters and the roles each one of them had.

Most of the people in Bethlehem were asleep. But there were some shepherds in the fields, looking after their sheep. God sent some angels to sing to the shepherds and tell them all about baby Jesus. The shepherds were so excited that they ran to the barn to see Jesus. God also put a giant star in the sky like a big birthday candle for baby Jesus. Some clever (wise) men were looking at the sky, and they saw the special star and followed it to find Jesus! Wow!

### ACTIVITY 2: HIDE AND SEEK SHEEP!

**Items Needed:** flashlight, a few sheep cut-outs

**Connection:** There were shepherds living in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and God’s bright light was shining all around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! Today in the town of David a Savior was born to you. He is Christ the Lord”. Wow! The shepherds were very humble people, and Jesus was born in a very humble manner. What was the job of a shepherd? That’s right to look after their sheep! Let’s play a fun game.

**Step 1:** Hide sheep cutouts around the room in a designated area.

**Step 2:** Turn on the flashlight and turn off the lights.

**Step 3:** The teacher will act as the shepherd and use the flashlight to help the children find each “sheep.” Once all the sheep are found, the game is over.

### ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

**Items Needed:** Bubbles and music OR book basket

We’ve got some extra time today, so let’s spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

### CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

#### CANDY CANE CRAFT

**Items Needed:** Candy Cane Sheet, precut tissue squares or circles (red, white and/ or green), glue sticks or glue dots.

**Step 1:** Talk about the Candy Cane

**Say to the kids:** “Who likes candy canes? Did you know the candy cane tells us about Jesus?”

- The **J shape** stands for Jesus...The red reminds us of His love and the blood He shed...The **white** reminds us that Jesus washes our hearts clean. (Optional: The **green** reminds us to keep growing for Jesus)

**Step 2:** Give each child one candy sheet.

**Step 3:** Use glue sticks or glue dots to give the candy canes some texture and dimensions. The kids can follow the regular pattern of the candy cane, red, white, red, white — or be creative.

**Step 4:** Encourage children to stay in the lines, practice independence and practice fine motor skills.

#### SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD COLORING SHEET

**Items Needed:** Coloring sheet and crayons.

**Connection:** The angels appear to the shepherds in the field to tell them the Savior is born.

**Step 1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

**I bring you good news of  
great joy!”**

**Luke 2:10**

