

# The Christmas Story Visited by Shepherds

Based on Material from [www.max7.org](http://www.max7.org)

You might like to start with a song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6OoAZbAQg>

Lyrics in the description, or captions.

Have you ever visited a new baby? How did you feel?

When Jesus was born, he also had lots of visitors, but they were quite different to the kinds of visitors you and I had!

Last lesson we heard how an angel told Mary and Joseph that she was going to be the mother of a very special baby.

What was the baby's name going to be?

The Roman rulers decided to make a roll of all the people who lived in their countries. Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to put their names on the roll. Hundreds of other people went to Bethlehem too. There were no spare beds anywhere, so Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable, where the animals were sleeping. During the night, Mary's baby was born. She carefully wrapped him up and put him on the hay in the animals' feeding box. Mary and Joseph were very happy that Jesus had been born. They were especially happy because he was a special gift from God for all the people in the world.

**Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaeBx6bPlv4>

or

**Read:** Luke 2:8-16 CEV <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+2%3A8-16&version=CEV>

The Shepherds did a good job of looking after their sheep, but people in town didn't like them. They thought they were sneaky and dirty. The shepherds didn't have many friends in the town. They were not important people and yet God chose to tell them about the birth of his son first.

How do you think the shepherds were feeling:

- Before the angel appeared
- When the angel appeared
- When the angels left
- When they saw the baby

**Memory Verse:**

Split it into three (or more) parts and have the children put it back together.

**Younger Children:**

Today a saviour was born for you. Luke 2:11 CEV

**Older Children:**

This very day in King David's hometown a saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11 CEV

**Activity Sheets:** For various ages.

**Pray together.**

**Make a Shepherd.**

Here are some ideas <https://www.thinkingkidsblog.org/shepherds-nativity-activities/>

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