



“Glory to God in the highest.”

Luke 2:14



This chapter addresses the entire Christmas season.



Christmas is a season to give glory to God.

WE GATHER

Who are the people you celebrate Christmas with? Who do you think about when you celebrate?

WE BELIEVE

During the Christmas season, we celebrate something wonderful. We celebrate God's greatest gift to us, his Son, Jesus. We give glory to God for the birth of Jesus.



Act out this Christmas play.



Luke 2:1-20

Narrator: During that time before Jesus' birth, a new rule was made. All men had to go back to the town of their father's family. They had to sign a list and be counted.

Joseph was from Bethlehem, the city of David. So Joseph had to go to Bethlehem with Mary.

“While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:6-7)

On the hills nearby, some shepherds were watching their sheep.

Shepherds: Look! Look! The sky is filled with light!

Narrator: All of a sudden, an angel appeared. The shepherds were afraid.

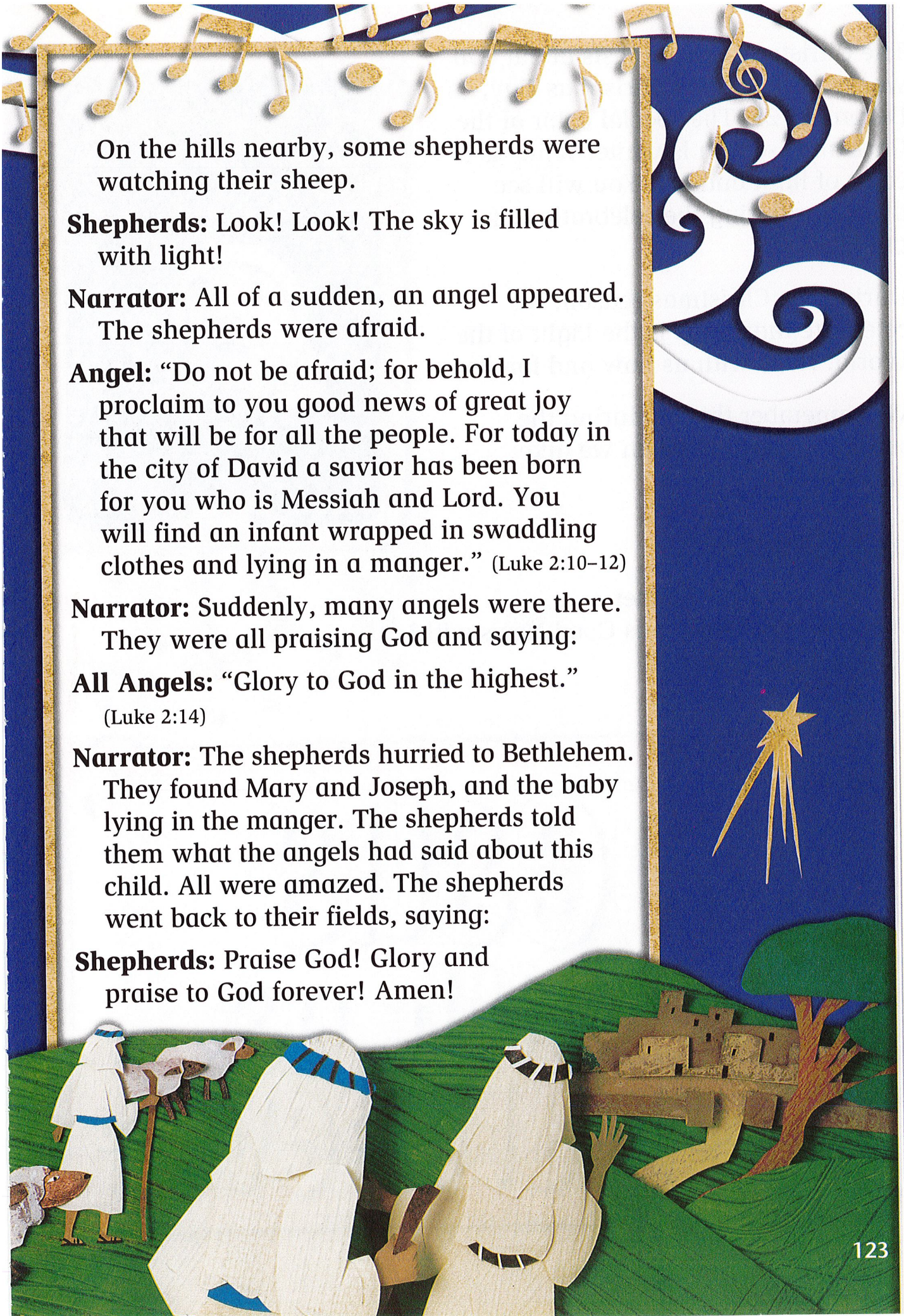
Angel: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:10-12)

Narrator: Suddenly, many angels were there. They were all praising God and saying:

All Angels: “Glory to God in the highest.”
(Luke 2:14)

Narrator: The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. The shepherds told them what the angels had said about this child. All were amazed. The shepherds went back to their fields, saying:

Shepherds: Praise God! Glory and praise to God forever! Amen!




The Christmas season lasts about two weeks. It begins on Christmas Day, December 25. The special color of the Christmas season is white. White is a color of light and joy. You will see this color during the celebration of the Mass.

During the Christmas season, we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World. He is with us now and forever.

We remember this all during the season, especially when we take part in Mass.

WE RESPOND

 Decorate this banner.

Who will you share this Good News with?
How will you share it?



JESUS
is with us
Now and Forever



We Respond in Prayer

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Leader: Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of
the night.

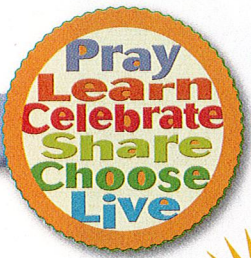
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us,
the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of
your love.

All: We praise you, Lord God.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

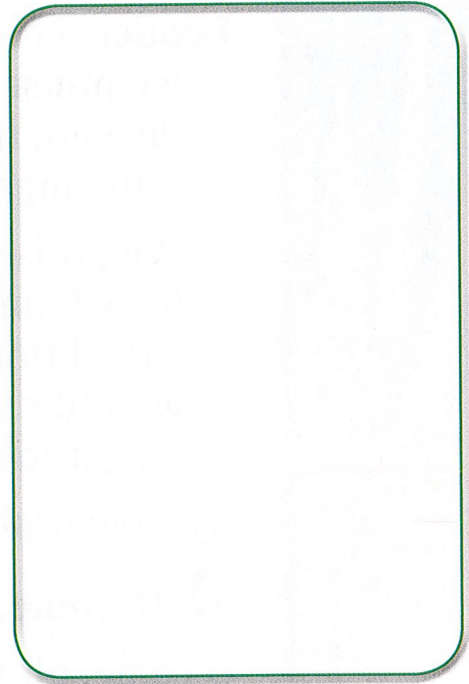
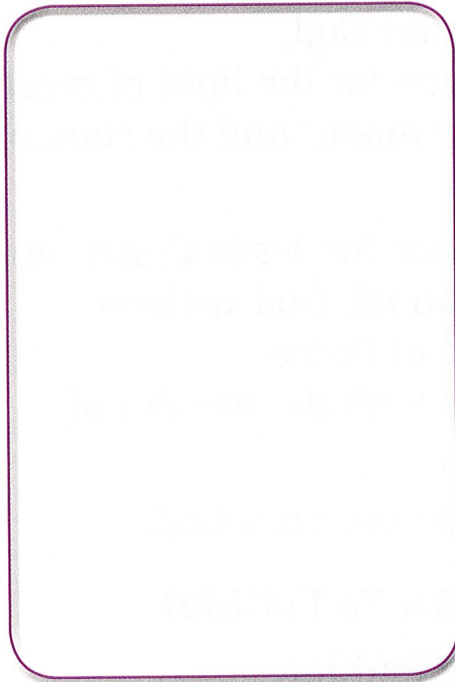
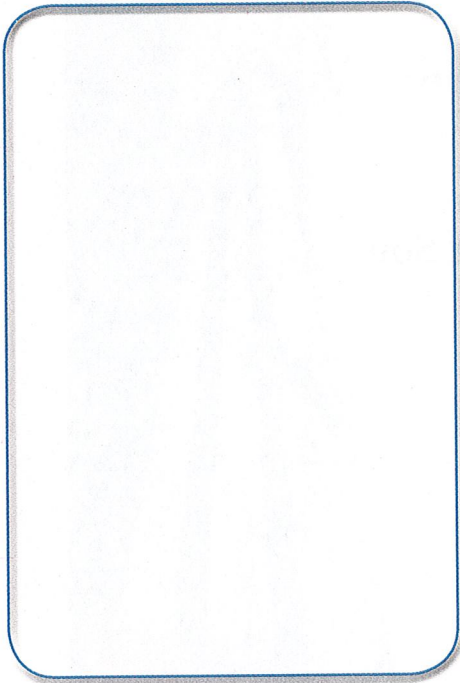


Draw a picture story about Jesus' birth.

Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem.

Jesus was laid in a manger.

Shepherds visited Jesus.



The Christmas season is a good time to bless your home.

Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, bless our home. Make it a place of peace and love. Amen.

Take Home

Talk about ways you can fill your home with peace and love during the Christmas season.



UNIT TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. God will _____ forgive us if we are sorry.
 sometimes never always

2. _____ is God's forgiveness of our sins by the priest in the Sacrament of Penance.
 Absolution Celebration Contrition

3. God's gift that allows us to make choices is _____.
 penance free will mercy

4. The _____ Testament is the part of the Bible about Jesus and the beginning of the Church.
 New Old Free

Draw a line to match the sentence parts.

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| 5. The Act of Contrition | • | • helps us to know right from wrong. |
| 6. The Great Commandment | • | • is a prayer of sorrow. |
| 7. God's gift of conscience | • | • is Jesus' teaching to love God and one another. |

8. Write a sentence to tell what you have learned about the Ten Commandments.

9. Look at the photograph. Write two different things that the child can choose to do.

The child could choose to



10. Circle the choice Jesus would want the child to make.