

# The Shepherds and the Angels





Set up Nativity scene with the stable, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Out of sight: a piece of green felt, sheep, shepherds and an angel.

Today we are going to tell the story of the Shepherds and the Angels who were there when Jesus was born.

We are going to read from the Bible, so we will light a candle.

Read from the Scriptures (Luke 2:8-12)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Bring out a sheet of green felt, on it place sheep and shepherds.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Bring an Angel into the field. Have shepherds fall over on their sides.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is

born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the  
Messiah, the Lord.

Have the angel go, and if convenient, stay on top of the stable.

Have shepherds and sheep move towards the table.

All this should be done in silence.

I wonder...

Why the shepherds were afraid

How they felt after they heard the news

How they know where to look to find Jesus

Whether Jesus knew that the shepherds came to see him