



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The Shepherds Point to Jesus

Take Home Point:

God shows us the Savior so we can point others to Jesus.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: In your small group, what were the candy cane presents wrapped in? How is that like how Jesus was "wrapped"? (*The candy canes were in a plain sock. This is like how Jesus was born in a "stinky" manger not in a fancy palace.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Give each family member a candy cane. Discuss how the candy cane can remind us of Jesus and the shepherds. (*Shepherd's staff, red and white reminds us of our sins washed clean through the blood of Jesus, the letter J, a pointer to point to Jesus*) Say: "Imagine what you would say if you were one of those shepherds first seeing Jesus. What would be the first words out of your mouth?"

READ THE BIBLE: Luke 2:8-20, Philippians 2:6-11

KEY VERSE: Philippians 2:6-7. *"Although he (Jesus) was in the form of God and equal with God, he did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant..."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Whom did God choose to announce the news of the birth of the Savior and where were they located? (*Luke 2:8. Shepherds in fields near Bethlehem.*) How did the shepherds react when the angel first appeared to them and the Lord's glory filled the area with light? (*Luke 2:9. They were terrified.*) What did the angel tell the shepherds? (*Luke 2:10-11 "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you...Today your Savior, Christ the Lord, was born in David's city."*) What were the signs for how the shepherds would recognize the Savior? (*Luke 2:12. The infant will be wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.*) What did all of the angels then begin to sing? (*Luke 2:14. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those who have his good will!"*) What did the shepherds do after they went to Bethlehem and saw the baby? (*Luke 2:17, 18, and 20. They told others the amazing story and glorified and praised God for everything they had seen and heard.*)

Why do you think God chose to have his own Son born in a barn and laid in a manger? If Jesus was born today, what humble modern day setting do you think he might choose? (*A park, a homeless shelter.*) If you were told this good news by an angel, with whom would you want to share it? Who do you know that really needs a Savior and may not know Jesus?

PRAYER POWER: Thank God for the best gift ever, Jesus Christ, whom he sent to ordinary people as Savior of the world. Pray for other people who need to know the good news of the Savior.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

This season is one of the best times to invite friends to Christmas services at your church. Make a plan for whom you will invite and pray for those people.

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