

# PRESCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS part 2: The Light of the Whole World

### Memory Verse

' But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'" Luke 2:10 NIV

### An idea to help you remember:

- Put the verse to a rhythm to help you.

### Story Time

Read 'The Light of the Whole World' (pages 184-191 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

### Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

When the angels came to the Shepherds, they were in the fields. The Shepherds were outside the city. Bethlehem was full of people - so many people there wasn't space for them all to stay and God chose to tell the people on the outskirts about His son first.

Not only were the shepherds physically on the outside of what was going on, but when Jesus was born, people didn't think much of Shepherds. They were outsiders in society too. People thought they were less important. So why them?

God sending his angels to the Shepherds sends a really important message. The good news about Jesus is for EVERYONE. Jesus came to rescue those who are on the outside as well as those we see as very important. To Him, everyone has value. Even people we see as unimportant matter to Him.

### Questions to get you talking:

- If a King was arriving, who do you think they'd invite to a party to welcome him?
- The shepherds were like outsiders. In our world today, can you think people who might be seen as outsiders?

### Activities in your box

- **Nativity part 2.** Find the rest of the nativity template and crayons in your box. Colour in the characters from today's story (Shepherds, sheep and angel) There are cotton pad squares & a glue stick included

that you could use for the sheep.

Ask Mom or Dad to help you cut out the characters and make the first part of your nativity scene.

- **Colouring Sheet** You'll find the colouring sheet from your box.

### Activities using things around the house:

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### *Digging a little deeper:*

Some people think one of the reasons Shepherds were seen as less important was because they didn't live up to all the religious rules. Shepherds were stinky, but they were seen as unclean on the inside too. The invitation from the angel to visit the Saviour was truly good news for all people. No matter what you've done, or who you are - you're invited to know Jesus.

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