

The Christmas Story

The Shepherds

Some **shepherds** were in the **fields**. They were in the fields near Bethlehem. They were looking after their sheep. It was night-time. Suddenly there was an **angel** in the sky. The shepherds saw the angel. The shepherds saw a bright light. The angel and the bright light came from God. The shepherds were **frightened**. The angel said to the shepherds: '**Don't be frightened**. I have good news for you. This good news is for everybody. This good news should make everybody happy. A baby has been born today in Bethlehem. This is a special baby. He is the special baby God promised. When the boy grows up, he will save people from sin.'

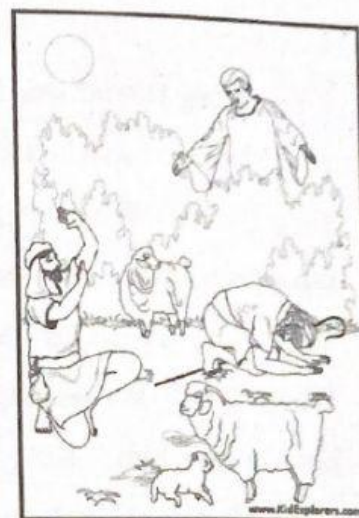


The baby is wearing cloth. He is lying in an animals' feeding box, the **manger**. Go and find him. Then you will know I am telling the truth.' Suddenly there were lots of angels in the sky. The angels sang praise to God. They sang, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Then the angels went back to heaven. The shepherds said, 'We will go to Bethlehem. We will go to see the baby.' The shepherds went quickly to Bethlehem. They found Mary and Joseph. They found the baby in the animals' feeding box. They were happy to see the baby. Mary was happy that they had come to see the baby. Later the shepherds went back to the fields. They told lots of people about the baby. They said thank-you to God for the baby.

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Use the picture to answer questions 1, 2, and 3.



1. Who were the angels speaking to? [1]
(A) shepherds
(B) Mary
(C) Joseph
2. How did the men feel when they saw the angel? [1]
(A) surprised
(B) frightened
(C) horrified
3. The message that the angel brought was [1]
(A) A baby has been born
(B) There are people in a stable
(C) Go and get the baby
4. Complete the quote. "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a _____." [1]
5. "Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising _____ for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them." [1]
6. Complete the song the angels sang. "Glory to God in the Highest, ... (2)

7. Use the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 to put the sentences in the correct order. (4)

- ___ The angels sang praise to God.
- ___ A baby has been born today in Bethlehem.
- ___ Later the shepherds went back to the fields.
- ___ The shepherds saw a bright light.