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BIBLE STORY**

Shepherds and Angels

**LUKE 2:8-20**

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**BASIC TRUTH**

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The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

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- Show It

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## STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible, "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins when some shepherds were taking care of their sheep in a field one night." (*Hold up the picture of shepherds and sheep.*)

"Then something amazing happened! An angel came and told the shepherds good news of great joy! (*Hold up the picture of the angel with the shepherds.*) Jesus, God's Son, had been born! Then the whole sky was filled with angels celebrating! (*Hold up the picture of the sky filled with angels.*) The shepherds were filled with joy and ran to see Baby Jesus. When they saw Him, they wanted to share the joy with everyone! (*Hold up the picture of the shepherds with Baby Jesus.*) Jesus gave the shepherds joy. And Jesus can give you joy too. Because Jesus came to give the whole world joy. **Jesus gives you joy.**"



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**CRAFT TIME**

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Handprint Angel" and "Handprint Angel Cutout" Activity Pages, light blue cardstock, white cardstock, gold washable paint, paper plates, paintbrushes, scissors, glue sticks, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Handprint Angel" on light blue cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Copy "Handprint Angel Cutout" on white cardstock and cut, one per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Paint each child's hands, one at a time, and press onto their paper, fingertips facing down. Clean hands. Rub glue on the back of each child's "Handprint Angel Cutout" and glue to the center of the handprints. Put aside to dry.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's make an angel with your handprints. I'll paint one of your hands (*pause*) and we'll press it on your paper. (*Pause.*) Let's clean it, and then paint your other hand. (*Pause.*) Press it down next to your other handprint. (*Pause.*) Now, let's glue the angel's body in the middle of your handprints. (*Pause.*) An angel brought the shepherds the good news that Jesus had been born. Jesus came to give the whole world joy. Jesus gives me joy and **Jesus gives you joy.**"