

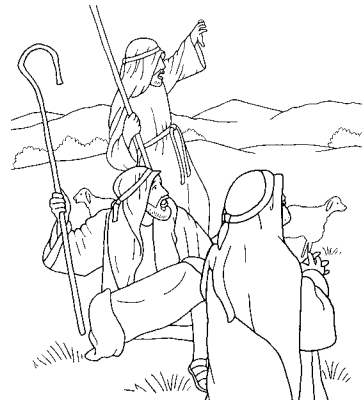
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☆Let's Talk and Wonder

ASK Why do you think God sent his Son, Jesus?

SAY God sent his own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. When Jesus was born, angels praised God and shepherds ran to see the baby. Then they went off to spread the good news about the Savior, Christ the Lord.

ASK Why did Jesus die on the cross?

SAY Jesus came to die for all our sins. He took the punishment that we deserve so that we could be forgiven. All who trust Jesus for forgiveness of sins are part of God's family.

SAY I wonder what we can say and do to praise God for sending his Son, Jesus, to be our Savior . . .

☆Let's Sing and Do

Sit in a circle and sing this active song to the tune *Did You Ever See a Lassie?*

1 God sent his Son, the Savior,
The Savior, the Savior.
God sent his Son, the Savior,
Praise God for his Son! (*clap*)

2 Jesus died to save me,
To save me, to save me,
Jesus died to save me,
God loves me so! (*hug self*)

3 We're part of God's family,
God's family, God's family
We're part of God's family,
His children we are! (*hold hands*)

4 Let's spread the good news,
The good news, the good news.
Let's spread the good news,
The Savior has come! (*raise arms*)

☆Let's Remember

Play this riddle-review game to help children remember God's people and promises. Say each riddle slowly. Provide more clues, if needed.

- I'm thinking about the first people God made and how he promised them a Savior through the family of their new son, Seth. (*Adam and Eve*)
- I'm thinking about a family God promised to save from a flood. (*Noah and his family*)
- I'm thinking of a man God promised would become a great nation. (*Abraham*)
- I'm thinking of a good king through whom God would send the promised Savior one day. (*David*)
- I'm thinking of someone who is the promised Savior. (*Jesus, God's Son*)