

*Bringing* **ADVENT** *to life*

*Pre-Retreat Session*

**EXPERIENCING THE AWE  
OF THE SHEPHERDS**

*Luke 2:8-20*





<sup>8</sup>There were shepherders camping  
in the neighborhood. They had set  
night watches over their sheep.

<sup>9</sup>Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified.

<sup>10</sup>The angel said, "Don't be afraid.

I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide:



<sup>11</sup>A Savior has just been born in David's town,  
a Savior who is Messiah and Master.

<sup>12</sup>This is what you're to look for:  
a baby wrapped in a blanket  
and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup>At once the angel was joined by a huge  
angelic choir singing God's praises:

<sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
Peace to all men and women  
on earth who please him.



<sup>15</sup>As the angel choir withdrew into heaven,  
the shepherders talked it over.

“Let’s get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and  
see for ourselves what God has revealed to us.”

<sup>16</sup>They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup>Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child.

<sup>18</sup>All who heard the shepherders were impressed.



<sup>19</sup>Mary kept all these things to herself,  
holding them dear, deep within herself.

<sup>20</sup>The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying  
and praising God for everything they had heard and  
seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!



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