

Shepherds See Baby Jesus

Luke 2:8-18

It had all happened SO quickly! It was VERY late and VERY dark, but all the shepherds were awake, squinting their eyes to see through the darkness as they watched their sheep. The only light came from their little fire.

All of a sudden it wasn't dark anymore! A VERY bright light was shining down from Heaven right over the shepherds' heads. When they looked up, they could see an angel! The shepherds could hardly believe their eyes! They were afraid!

The angel said to them, "Don't be scared. I have some good news for you! Today, this very day, in the city of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born. He is God's very own Son. When you see Him, you will know Who He is because He is wrapped in special cloths, sleeping in a manger."

Could it be true? The shepherds didn't know what to think. Just then more angels came. All of them praised God; then they went back to Heaven. The bright light was gone. The shepherds talked to each other. "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing. . . which the Lord hath made known unto us" (Luke 2:15).

The shepherds left their sheep and hurried to the city. There, in a little barn, they found Mary and Joseph. Who do you think was lying in a little manger-bed? Of course, It was Jesus, the Son of God! Just as God had planned and just as the angel had told the shepherds, Jesus – Who had come to be the Savior of the world – lay in that manger-bed.

The shepherds were so happy and so excited. They told everyone they saw about baby Jesus. They wanted everyone to know.

Bible Verse to Learn

"For unto you is born this day. . . a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).