

Advent - an important message!

If you had some really important news to tell, who would you share it with?

I wonder how you would tell them? Send a text or a letter?



In our story today God has a very special announcement to make, but he chooses some very unlikely people to share this news with.

Watch this video made by Joshua and his mum to find out what happened:

<https://youtu.be/sj1YdJIUaoc>

Read what happened in Luke 2:8-20 or in a Bible story book.

I wonder why God decided to tell shepherds about baby Jesus and not some more important people?

What did the shepherds do after they heard the angel's message?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen baby Jesus?

Which surprises you most?

Spend a little time thinking about what happened.

Imagine you were one of the shepherds on that hillside. How did you feel when you saw the angels? What was it like when you visited baby Jesus lying in the manger? What would you like to say to Jesus now?

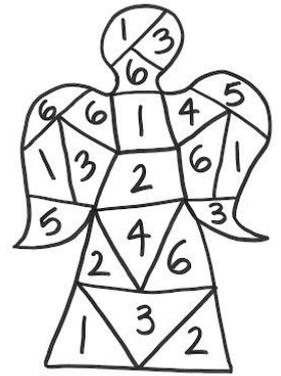
Spend a little time praising God, just like the angels and the shepherds did, maybe thanking him for sending his Son, Jesus, into the world as a tiny baby. The shepherds 'spread the word' about what they had been told. Is there someone we could tell about Jesus this Christmas? How could you share that message?

Father God, thank you for sending Jesus to be born that first Christmas. Thank you for the angels and shepherds who spread the good news of Jesus' birth. Please help us to draw close to Jesus and to tell others about him. Amen

Play this game:

You will each need a copy of the angel (or draw your own) a dice and colouring pencils.

Take it in turns to roll the dice and colour in the number you throw. The first person to colour in the whole angel is the winner!



Make a Christmas card:

Could you make a Christmas card for someone to tell them about Jesus?

Draw a picture or use stickers or old Christmas cards to decorate the front of the card. Write a message inside and send it to a friend or family member this Christmas. Don't forget to pray for them too!

Nativity:

Have you started to make a Nativity scene?
Maybe you made Joseph and Mary last week?
This week you could make some shepherds and sheep and maybe some more angels! You could make a stable from a cardboard box too or why not try using a shoe box!



Pray for peace:

The angels said 'Peace on earth' as they were praising God.

We can ask God to bring his peace to people who are sad or poorly. Maybe you know someone who isn't well. Ask God to bless them and give them peace in their hearts.

