

The Unexpected Christmas

Week 3: The Unexpected News

Story Time

Watch the story video from this week's smAll Nations.



Memory Verse

Glory to God in the highest and on Earth peace to all men.



Luke 2:14

Chat Time

Chat about the story. Use these questions to help you get started:



Where were the shepherds?

Who visited the shepherds?

What was the unexpected news?

What did the shepherd's do when they left the stable?

Who can you tell about the gift of Jesus?

How can you tell them?

Bible Time



In bible times, shepherds were not considered to be very important people and they would have been poor. I don't think they ever imagined that angels would come and visit them or tell them such important news. Throughout the Old Testament, prophets has talked about the coming of a new king and many Jewish people thought this king would be rich and born in a palace. The shepherds would have heard these prophesies and wouldn't have thought that they would be the first to hear the news. The arrival of Jesus wasn't unexpected but who heard about it first certainly was.

You see God works differently - he wanted to show that Jesus was for everyone and he chose ordinary, poor people to hear the news first. And boy did they hear it! I can just imagine the excitement of the angels desperate to tell this wonderful news. The light would have been so bright and the song so beautiful. No wonder the shepherds were in a rush to see Jesus and then to tell anyone that would listen.

You are not the first person to hear about Jesus but that doesn't make the news any less important, so who are you going to tell?

Song Of The Week

Go Tell It On The Mountain by Jason Gray



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Prayer For The Week

Dear God, thank you that you shared this wonderful news with the shepherds. Thank you that this shows us that the gift of Jesus was for everyone. Help us to share the news of Jesus with everyone we know especially at Christmas.



Ideas For The Week

Who are you going to share this wonderful news with? Think about how you might share it - maybe you could write someone a letter or make them a Christmas card?



Show Us

Don't forget to send us pictures of you and your family watching small Nations and getting ready for Christmas. We want to see those Christmas jumpers! Ask a grown-up to email them to: smallnations@allnationselim.org

