

The Unexpected

Advent Family Discussion Guide

Session Four: The Gift

Luke 2:8-20

Description

The Christmas story also includes a visit to lowly shepherds, an ostracized group in society. Out of the darkness of night comes another angelic messenger who is soon joined by a host of others. Through these heavenly beings, God sends the greatest birth announcement ever shared – the birth of the Messiah, the Savior of the world – to the unsuspecting shepherds. They would not only meet the Christ child but also “Go Tell It!” to others. Their witness reminds us that God is always willing to include the overlooked and the outcast in the unfolding of his plan.

How to use

This session is offered for adults on RightNow Media and comes with a companion discussion guide. This guide that you hold is designed for families to discuss as they embrace the hope of Advent this season. Adults and teenage children may benefit from the study session videos. Younger children will likely prefer simply covering the items in this devotional guide. Parents would be wise to preview the videos before showing them to their children.

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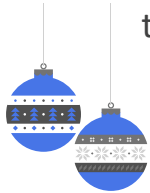
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What gifts do you remember receiving for Christmas or your birthday?

Which gift was your favorite?

The angels who appeared to the shepherds shared that Jesus was God's gift to them – and not just to them but to everyone! Most people did not like shepherds, because they spent most of their time with stinky sheep. God showed His love for the shepherds but letting them know Jesus had been born.



Read [Luke 2:8-20](#) together.

What good news of great joy did the angel say was for all people? (*A Savior – Christ the Lord – had been born to them.*)

Because people disliked shepherds in Bible times, they were not accepted in many places, yet they were the ones who received God's announcement of Jesus' birth.

What people do you think God would announce Jesus' birth to today?

How does Jesus change people's lives?

The shepherds shared the news of Jesus with others. Whom can you tell about Jesus this Christmas? How can we share the gift of Jesus with others together?

Close in prayer and thank God for the gift of Jesus. Pray for the people you will tell about Jesus.

