



Shepherds Visit

December 25, 2020

Luke 2:8-20

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Merciful God, We treasure the news of your arrival among us, as Mary treasured the wondrous things spoken about her son. Fill us with joy at our savior's birth as we proclaim your love made real on earth, in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. (Luke 2:16-18)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Amid the company of animals, the fanfare of angels, and the visit of shepherds, Mary treasured most the words that were spoken about her child.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What words hold the most power for you? What words hold the least? What influences how those words are perceived?

Shepherds were the first to hear of the birth of the king. They were working-class folk. Who are the working-class folk in your community? What messages do they receive?

For the littles: What would you say to the baby Jesus if you had visited with the shepherds?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with words of wisdom and kindness, and hope. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Research the foster care system in your community. Donate time or money to help kids who are in need.



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Saturday: *Birth of John the Baptist*, Luke 1:57-66