

BIBLEWORLD

Gather Together



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THE CHRISTMAS STORY
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This resource provides an opportunity to create an all age conversation around the story from **Luke 2:1-21**

A PowerPoint or video of the story is available to download at scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/bibleworld-gather-together/



Get Going

Play a game that involves making lists. Everyone will need pen and paper. Choose a theme and then everyone must try and make a list of 10 things that fit into the category of the given theme (you could divide into small groups for this). Set a time limit for writing each list.

Here are some suggested themes/categories...

- Things you put on your head
- Things you eat at Christmas
- Things that are orange
- Things you find in a kitchen
- Things that use electricity
- Things that fly
- Christmas songs
- Football teams
- Things that live in the ocean



When the time is up find out...who got ten items? Who had the most unique item? Play it for as long as want! Today's story from the Bible starts with Mary and Joseph having to travel to Bethelhem to have their names put on a list.

Watch the PowerPoint story from Slide 1 to 17

OR watch the video until 00.02.34, then pause it.

Think Deeper

Imagine that you are one of the shepherds in the story. Chat together...

What would the message have been that they told everyone about?

How do you think they would have summed up and described what the angels told them?

Once everyone has had a chance to chat, write or draw all the things that were in the shepherds' message on a sheet of paper.

Watch the PowerPoint story from Slide 16 - 18

OR continue watching the video from 00.02.34 to the end.



Take Time



Mary treasured all the things that had happened in her heart.

Draw the outline of a love heart on a piece of paper and choose one thing that the angels said about Jesus that you want to remember this Christmas - joy, good news, peace? Write it on the heart and decorate it. Take the heart home and stick it somewhere at home where you will see it often.

Say the angels words together, using the actions below to help everyone take part and remind each other of the good news of Christmas. You might want to practice this a few times and then do it all together...

Do not be afraid (*Move one index finger from left to right in front of your body*)

I bring you (*Hold your hands out as if giving someone a gift*)

Good news (*Thumbs up*)

That will cause great joy (*Clap your hands together*)

For all the people (*Put your hands together and then move them apart in welcome*)

Today in the town of David (*Make the shape of a roof with your hands*)

A Saviour has been born to you (*Mime holding a baby*)

He is the Messiah, the Lord (*Hold up one index finger*)

This will be a sign to you (*Point one finger to the side of your head*)

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger (*Mime lying a baby carefully down*)

Glory to God in the highest heaven! (*Wave your hands from side to side*)

And on earth peace (*Touch your index finger and thumb together on both hands while holding them close together, then move both hands away from each other keeping your thumb and index finger touching*)

To those on whom his favour rests (*Cross your hands across your chest*)