

PRAYER

- Thank God for sending His Son Jesus to save us. Thank Him for the peace and unity we can experience under Him.
- Ask God for a deeper appreciation and understanding of His plan of salvation and His perfect peace. Pray that you would reflect this in the way you love and treat others.
- Pray for your family members and friends who do not yet believe in Jesus. Pray for open doors to preach the gospel to them this week.

NOTES

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

WEEK 3

The Angels' Song

WARM-UP

- Recall the weirdest true story you've ever heard or experienced. Share it with us.
- Is there somebody who is very different from you, but you get along with him or her anyway? Tell us about that person.
- What's the kindest thing you've ever seen an authority figure do?

WORD

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" **LUKE 2:14**

(Read also **LUKE 2:8-20.**)

The birth of God's Son was celebrated by the worship of a host of angels. However, God did not send His angels to the kings of the earth, or to the important figures of society. He sent them to the very lowest social class in that day and age—the shepherds. God did not consider them too low to hear that their Savior had come, or too poor to include in the celebration of heaven. The angels' song celebrated the presence of God on earth through the birth of the Savior.

1 Glory to God

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The angels told the shepherds an unbelievable story: the answer to their prayers, the Savior, *Christ the Lord*, was lying in a manger. The manger, where animals ate from, was a bed even the lowest of the low could go to without being sent away. The angels went to the shepherds, letting them know this new Savior wanted them to be able to reach Him. The only possible response to such a plan and such a love is: *Glory to God in the highest*. How did you first hear about the gospel? Who told you about Jesus, and how did you respond?

2 Peace among Men

". . . and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

LUKE 2:14

(Read also **ISAIAH 9:6,7**.)

The angels declared God's glory and peace on earth to His people. In the same way, in Isaiah 9, the prophet Isaiah had spoken about a child who would be born and be called *Prince of Peace*, whose peace would have *no end*. This peace that the angels sang about is the peace of God that allows us to be reconciled with Him, and the Prince of Peace who made this possible is Jesus Christ. As our Prince of Peace, how can we hold on to His promise to bring peace?

APPLICATION

- Do you believe that God sent Jesus to save you? Why or why not? Would you like to receive Him as your Lord and Savior today?
- What does the story of the angels singing to the shepherds tell you about the love and salvation of God? How can you have a deeper understanding of His love this week?
- Is there anyone among your family members or friends who needs to know of the peace that Christ brings? How can you proclaim the message of God's peace to them this Christmas?