The Shepherds Found Baby Jesus

8 Some shepherds were spending the night in the fields nearby, watching their flock of sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord God stood in front of the shepherds. The glory of the Lord shined around them. They were very frightened. 10 The angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, because, listen, I am telling you some good news. It will make all the people very happy. 11 This day, your Savior — who is the Messiah, the Lord — was born in David’s town! 12 This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a box where livestock are fed.”

13 Suddenly, a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel. They were all praising God:

14 “Give glory to God in heaven,  
and, on earth, let there be peace  
among those who please God.”

15 The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds kept saying to each other, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this event which has occurred, which the Lord God has revealed to us!”

16 So, the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph. The baby was lying in the feeding box. 17 The shepherds saw the baby. Then they revealed what the angels had said about this little child. 18 Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shepherds told them. 19 Mary was keeping all these things in her heart; she continued to think about them. 20 The shepherds went back, singing to God and praising Him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.