



*The
Greatest
Gift*



Great Gifts Come With Great Stories...

**The Christmas Story teaches
us about the greatest gift.**



Unexpected

Hope | Love | Peace | Joy





Meaningful

...because it is personal



**Jesus is the
Greatest Gift!**

shareable

God commanded the angel to share with the shepherds about Jesus' birth and the shepherds were compelled to share with everyone what they encountered.

Luke 2:8-20



Let's Breakdown The Shepherds' Story

- 1. They heard about the gift.**
- 2. They went to experience the gift.**
- 3. They told others about the gift.**
- 4. They gave thanks for the gift.**



1 They heard about the gift.

“The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the City of David!”

**This Good News came with
great fanfare to the shepherds,
a most unlikely audience.**

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**Who are the people that
have shared the Good News
of Jesus Christ with you?**



2 They went to experience the gift.

“Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

**The shepherds’ excitement
and curiosity sent them to find
the baby in a manger.**

2 They went to experience the gift.

“Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”



**In what ways have you
experienced the presence
of Jesus in your life?**



³ They told others about the gift.

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said.

**So inspired by their moment
with the Messiah, the shepherds
had to share it with others.**

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**Who are the people you
have been intentional about
sharing the Gospel with?**



4 They gave thanks for the gift.

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

**The shepherds returned to
the hillside changed, evidenced
by their Godly emphasis.**

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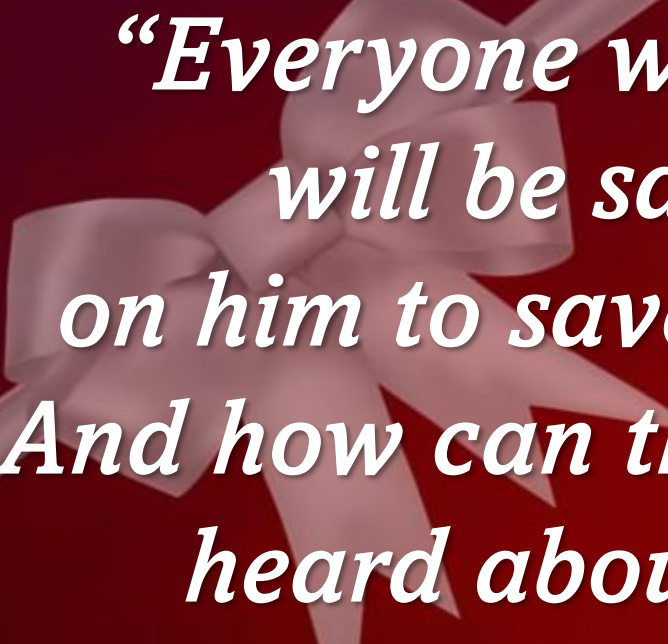


**How do you incorporate
the worship of God into
your daily life and routine?**



**The shepherds' story
reminds us great gifts are**

Shareable




*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.” But how can they call
on him to save them unless they believe in him?
And how can they believe in him if they have never
heard about him? And how can they hear
about him unless someone tells them?
...faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing
the Good News about Christ.*

- Romans 10:13-14,17

The Shepherds' Story Isn't Just The Shepherds' Story... It's Yours Too!

(1) Someone shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with you. (2) Compelled by their witness, you sought to experience Him for yourself. (3) Transformed by Jesus, you shared Him with others. (4) Your relationship with God became central to your life.



**The gift of Jesus is so great
we have to share it...**

*And you will be witnesses, telling people about
me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout
Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

- Acts 1:8



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