



Rescuer – Lesson 3

Memory Verse: “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIRV)

Key Point: God sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin!

Bible Verse: Luke 2:8–20

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Luke chapter 2 in the Bible. **Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable** (1). Mary, Jesus' mother, wrapped him in some cloths to keep him warm and placed him in a manger. At Christmas, we celebrate the gift God gave us of his Son, Jesus!

When Jesus was born, **there were shepherds out in the fields** around Bethlehem **taking care of their sheep** (2). Shepherds didn't leave their sheep alone, so they were spending the night out in the fields with their sheep.

That night, **an angel came to the shepherds in a bright light** (3) and they were very afraid! **The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring great news** (4)! **Today in Bethlehem a special baby was born and he is the one God promised would come to be the Savior of the world** (5). You will find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, there were many more angels praising God together and saying, "Glory to God in the highest (6), and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!". When the angels had gone away into heaven, **the shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem and find this baby that the angels told us about!"** (7) **They rushed to Bethlehem and** found Mary and Joseph and **saw baby Jesus lying in a manger** (8). **The shepherds worshiped Jesus, and** they told Mary and Joseph what the angels had said. Then, the shepherds **returned to the fields praising God** (9) for all that they had seen and heard.

This is an amazing story about how God told the shepherds about his very special gift of his Son, Jesus. They worshiped Jesus, and we should also worship him as we celebrate the wonderful news of Jesus' birth at Christmas. There are many ways to worship Jesus. We can sing songs about Jesus' birth, we can retell the story to our family and friends, and we can pray and thank God for sending Jesus to be our Rescuer.

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Review Questions

Group A	Group B
What were the shepherds out in the fields taking care of when the angel came to them in a bright light? (Sheep)	Who came to the shepherds in a bright light while they were watching their sheep? (An angel.)
Who did the angel come to tell the shepherds about being born? (Jesus)	What did the angel tell the shepherds? (The angel said a special baby had been born who would be the Savior.)
Did the shepherds go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem? (Yes)	What did the shepherds do when the angels went away? (They went to see baby Jesus.)
When the shepherds returned to the fields, who did they praise for all they had seen and heard? (God)	What did the shepherds do when they saw Jesus? (They worshiped him and told Mary and Joseph what the angel had said.)