**Week of:**  **The Big Give: Get Wrapped Up in Christmas – Week 4** **Elementary**

**December 25, 2022**

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Today’s Bible Story:** Over the Hills and Everywhere (Shepherds and Angels) • *Luke 2:8-20*

**Today’s Bottom Line:** The good news is for everyone.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.* Luke 2:11 *(NIrV)*

**Monthly Virtue:** Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

**Activity:** Shepherd Says

**What you need:** Bible or Bible app

**(After the Video) What You Do:**

* Start a game similar to “Simon Says” called “Shepherd Says.”
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  Description automatically generatedInvite your child to be the shepherd first.
* Tell your child that you are going to follow their commands because they are the shepherd, and everyone will do what the Shepherd says when they precede their command with “Shepherd says.”
* If anyone follows a command that is not preceded by “Shepherd says,” they’re out.
* If the shepherd is stumped for possible moves, here are some suggestions.
  + stand up
  + sit down
  + touch your knees
  + walk
* Declare the winner of each round the next “shepherd.”
* Review the story by letting your child retell it.
* Encourage them to read from the Bible or retell the story themselves for your family members sometime this Christmas holiday.

**What You Say:**

“Today’s Bottom Line, ***[Bottom Line]* the good news is for everyone,** is one of the most important messages we can share with others.”

“What is the good news? *(Invite responses.)* That’s right! God gave us Jesus, the greatest gift we could ever receive AND God’s only Son. Jesus came to give His life to be our Savior and make a way for us to have a relationship with God forever.”

“There is no bigger or more important news than this truth. Who is this good news for? *(Invite responses—us, parents, coaches, friends, etc.)* Remember to share the good news with those you meet because it’s the most life-changing news ever and ***[Bottom Line]* the good news is for everyone.”**

**Prayer:**

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Description automatically generated with low confidence“Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so we can be friends with You forever. Jesus, thank You for laying down Your life to pay for our sin; for defeating death and rising from the dead so we can have a restored relationship with God. Help us share the good news with the people we just thought of. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen. ***[Bottom Line]* The good news is for everyone.”**

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