

LG OVERVIEW

THE SHEPHERDS

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yay! I'm so glad to see you today! It's so much fun to sing with you. This month is so fun. I love learning all about God's special delivery that He gave us because He loves us so much. **How do we know God loves us?"**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "God gave us Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! Let's sing a song about the special night when Jesus was born!

Lead children in singing "Oh What a Special Night" and "Special Delivery".

"Great singing, my friends. Remember, God gave us Jesus. How do we know God loves us?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "God gave us Jesus."

BIBLE VERSE: "Exactly. **God gave us Jesus.** It's time to practice our memory verse. Are you ready? *God has given a son to us,* Isaiah 9:6. Do that with me." (*Repeat several times.*)

"You are all AMAZING at that verse! Have you shown your parents yet? How about your brother and sister? How about all your good friends? Make sure you show them today!"

STORYTELLER: "I'm so happy to see you today because, well, this is my favorite time of year: Christmas! Now, the angel had a very special message for Mary about what happened on Christmas. Do you remember what the angel told Mary? (Pause as children respond.) Yes! The angel told Mary she would have a baby. Then last week, we learned that Jesus was born. Where was he born again? (Pause as children respond.) Yes! He was born in a stable with all the animals, like chickens, sheep and even donkeys! God's most amazing gift, His Son Jesus, was born, and no one but Mary and Joseph were there to see it. So God decided to announce it to the world in the most amazing way. I wonder how he did it. (Pick up the gift box.) Check out this Special Delivery I just received, it's another Christmas present, maybe it will give us a clue as to who Jesus told. (Open present and pull out sheep.) Sheep, I'm not sure what that has to do with our story. Let's watch our video and find out more about God's special delivery."

Watch Video Lesson

STORYTELLER: "The angels told the shepherds, the shepherds told everyone on that night so long ago, and now you and I can tell others that **God gave us Jesus.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Are you ready to sing another song with me? (*Pause.*) You are? Yay! This is one of my favorites. It reminds us that God gave us the best present ever."

Lead children in singing "Best Present Ever"

"Way to go, friends. Now, remind me: How do we know God loves us?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "God gave us Jesus."