

# WEEK 2: TELL YOUR STORY

## The Shepherds Visit with Jesus

*After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. – Luke 2:17*

**Read: Luke 2:8-20**

Elie Wiesel, author and Holocaust survivor, once said, “God made man because he loves stories.” Each baby born represents a story, a potential, a life waiting to be lived. God made each of us uniquely different, so we each have a story that only we can tell. Although the truth of salvation and faith in Christ are universal, we each have our own faith story that is ours alone. And our world is full of people who need to hear it!

The shepherds had quite a story. It appeared to be an ordinary night as they watched over their flocks, but in the blink of an eye, it became anything but ordinary. Angels appeared and told them where the Messiah had been born and how to recognize him. They took off to find this baby who would become the Savior of the world. After seeing the baby Jesus for themselves, they started telling everyone about him. They couldn’t keep the story of how they had met Jesus to themselves. It was a story meant to be shared!

Shepherds were not held in high esteem in those days; they were just ordinary people. But that’s who God chose to reveal the news about his Son. And now he comes to every ordinary one of us and changes us by his love and grace. Then it’s up to us to share what God has done for us, just like the shepherds did. Will you tell that story?

### QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. If God had a big announcement to make to our world today, what type of people do you think he might entrust his message to?
2. What’s your story? In other words, how has God changed you and what has he done for you?
3. Are you ready to tell others your story – the story of Jesus’ love and grace in your life? Who in your life needs to hear the good news of Jesus? Share with them this Christmas.