



December 25, 2018

Luke 2:8-20

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God, on this day of grace, you proclaim the good news to us yet again. Open our ears to hear it in a new way, that we might burn with the shepherd's desire to see you face to face. In the name of the newborn king we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

(Luke 2:16-18)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The life of a shepherd is a fairly quiet one. That is, unless you're tending flocks outside Bethlehem on one particular day...



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What occupations are the most prestigious in your community? Which are the least prestigious? Where does your occupation lie on the spectrum? Would God send angels to share the good news with you? Why or why not?

What has been the biggest surprise of this year? How has it shaped you?

For the littles: Besides Jesus, what was the best gift you received this season? (Remember, the gift might not be a toy—it might be an experience, a relationship, or someone doing something with you.) God's best gift is you!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with the miracle of the Christ child! Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Unplug today. Be fully present with the people in your life.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Wednesday, Genesis 15:1-21, *God's Covenant with Abram*

Thursday, Isaiah 7:10-17, *A Sign of Immanuel*

Friday, Isaiah 7:18-25, *A Sign of Immanuel*

Saturday, Acts 13:38-39, *Jesus Frees*