

## **MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**

*Tuesday, December 8, 2015 – Theme: Family*

# **Visits with Baby Jesus**

**Luke 2:8-39**

### **Segment:**

- Angels announce to shepherds the birth of the Savior.
- Shepherds visit Jesus as they were directed by the Angels.
- Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem.

### **Segment Questions:**

- Why was an angel sent to tell the shepherds of the birth of the Messiah?
- Would you have been afraid if you had been one of the shepherds? If so, why?
- Can you imagine what the journey to see the baby Jesus would have been like? Explain the journey in detail.
- Why was everyone amazed? What were they amazed about?
- Why did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the temple? Why 41 days later?
- Why did Simeon hold the baby Jesus? What purpose did Simeon fulfill in the story?
- Did Anna's encounter with Jesus have a different purpose?
- What did Simeon and Anna see when they looked at the baby Jesus?

### **Action Questions:**

- Describe the face of the baby Jesus as you imagine it would have looked like. In your mind's eye what does Jesus look like now when you visit with Him? How is He dressed? What color is His hair? Does He smell like His sheep? Does it matter what He looks like?
- We all take journeys to find Jesus. Tell of some of your journeys. What was your most significant journey to find Him? Did you find Him there? Why or why not? How did your visit with Him affect your faith?
- What journey do you need to take to visit Jesus this Christmas season?

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On the same night that Jesus was born, shepherds were watching their flock in a nearby field. Suddenly an angel stood with them, and the area was flooded with the glory of the Lord. The shepherds were terrified, but the angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to bring you great news!"

He then pointed toward the nearby town. "Tonight, the Savior was born in Bethlehem. He is Messiah. Go there, and look for a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly the whole area was filled with angels who were praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace and goodwill to the earth." Then, they disappeared.

The shepherds immediately did as they were told. They went to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby, just as the angel had said. They told them what happened that night, and everyone was amazed. Afterwards, they went back to the field, praising God for what they had seen.

Forty-one days later, it was time for Joseph and Mary to take Jesus to the temple, and offer sacrifice to the Lord. So the three of them went to Jerusalem.

There was a man at the temple named Simeon. God had told him that he wouldn't die until he had seen the Promised One. The Spirit of God had prompted him to go to the temple that day. He saw Joseph and Mary and asked if he could hold the baby. Looking into the face of Jesus, he said, "Oh, praise be to God!" Looking toward heaven, he said, "Lord, you can now let me die. My eyes have seen your salvation."

A woman named Anna walked up to them. She was 84 years old, and she had served God in the temple ever since her husband died after seven years of marriage. She asked to see the child. Afterwards, she said to everyone, "The Promised One has arrived! The Promised One has arrived!"

Joseph then took his little family back to their home in Bethlehem.