

TrinityLearning Christmas Storytelling

The Shepherds' Story

Once, long ago, a group of shepherds lived on a hillside above the little town called Bethlehem. Every day they would watch their sheep and walk up and down the hills looking for food for them to eat. At night the shepherds would take it in turns to sleep so some of them could keep watch for wolves and jackals which might try to steal lambs or sheep to eat.

One night the shepherds sat around their fire as usual; telling stories and quietly chatting. Suddenly they saw a bright light. They looked up and above them they saw an angel. They were terrified but the angel said, "Fear not, I bring good news. Tonight, a special baby has been born in Bethlehem. He has been sent to save the world. You will find him lying in a manger."

Then suddenly the whole sky was filled with angels singing, "Peace on Earth and good will to everyone."

Then the sky went dark again and the shepherds were alone with their sheep.

"I suppose we'd better go then," said one. So off they went.

Looking up, they saw a bright star moving slowly above them. They followed it until it came to rest over a stable. Going quietly in they saw the baby Jesus and worshipped him.

On the way home they told everyone about the amazing things they had seen and heard.

