

## December 12

Character: Angels

Setting: Yesterday we discussed the shepherds and how terrified they were when they first saw the angel of the Lord appear to them on the blessed night our Savior was born. But the angel of Lord told them not to fear because the news He shared was Good News that would bring great joy to all people. He told them that the Savior -yes, the Messiah, the Lord- had been born that very day in Bethlehem, and they would find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And as if that wasn't incredible enough, then an entire host of heavenly angels joined them and they praised God and said "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." The angels declared these things then returned to heaven, while the shepherds were left behind with a promise of child and the words the angels sang.

Song: Angels We Have Heard on High.

Application: The invitation of the angels is still available to all people. "Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King." Sing this song this evening with your family, and share with one another the love and wonder that comes from the words declared by those angels on that wonderful, blessed night.

Prayer: Praise God for His invitation to the shepherds and to all the world to come to Jesus Christ. Thank Him for the gift of the song of the angels on the evening that all of heaven was rejoicing in the birth of our Savior. Ask God to help all of us, as His church, celebrate with the same joy and excitement the angels had on that blessed night- to God be the glory.