

BEST CHRISTMAS EVER, week one

PARENT PREP



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BOTTOM LINE

God invites us.

SCRIPTURE

And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An

angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them (Luke 2:8-10 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To show students that God includes them in His story. They belong!

THINK ABOUT THIS

The idea that God actually *invites* us into the Christmas story is amazing. But because things are so much about feelings in this phase. Whatever your middle schooler feels is true, they believe to be fact. Your teen may not feel like God cares about them every much right now. Especially as many of them have felt very isolated the past several months.

This guide below is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. If you have any questions or problem don't hesitate [email](#) Shane.

DURING GROUP

PLAY THIS

Christmas Carol Thesaurus Karaoke: Go to your app store and download "Grow Games" for [iOS](#) or [Google Play](#). Once the app is download use the search function to find the game. You can also find a copy of all the game files on my Google Drive. [Click here](#) to open them and play.

DISCUSS THIS

Pause the video at (2:13), discuss this question:

1. Tell me about a time you were surprised by an invitation to be a part of something.

Pause the video at (3:53), discuss this question:

2. Why do you think it was significant for the shepherds to be invited to actually see Jesus?

Pause the video at (4:53), discuss these questions:

3. Why do you think God chose to reveal himself to shepherds first?

DO THIS (EXPERIENCE)

End your time in prayer and encourage your few to complete the [YouVersion](#) Bible Reading Plan for this week of "Best Christmas Ever" together.

**Note: This conversation builds into next week's discussion, so don't worry about having a big break through. Just come back and keep talking next week.*
