

2009 Christmas Special Offering CHILDREN'S SERMONS

O Come all You Faithful: **Seeing**

Luke 2:15

-- "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us."

Bring a baby to the attention of the children. Either an infant from the congregation or a doll.

Have you ever noticed that when a baby is in the room that everybody wants to see the baby? And when some people gather around the baby then more people want to come over and see what everyone else is looking at? And then there is a crowd, because if a lot of people want to see....then it must be something good.

There is a story from our Bible today that tells about people a long time ago wanting to go see what everyone was talking about and looking at. They wanted to go see something Good. And they found it.

When the baby Jesus was born, some angels came; well a lot of angels came, to tell people the good news about Jesus being born. They came and told ordinary people. The bible story says that the Angels came to tell the shepherds out in the fields. Well the shepherds were the ordinary working people of the time and some of them just kids.

The angels knew that this good news about Jesus wasn't just for rich people or powerful people, but it was for poor people and ordinary people and it wasn't just for people your Grandparents age people or people your parents age, but for teenage people and children too. This was great News. Jesus was born for US, all of us!

So the next time you see a crowd gathered around and you want to go see what everyone is looking at, wait just a moment before you go and remember the time that a whole bunch of angels were gathered around to tell you the good news, the best news that Jesus was born for you, so you would know just how much God loves you.... and then go see what all our friends are looking at.

Pray with me: Lead your own prayer or ask the children to repeat after you

Thank you, God

For sending Jesus

For *all* the people to know your Love! Amen

O Come all You Faithful: **Sharing**

Luke 2:15-18

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They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed.

*Gather any kind of candy (chocolate is my favorite, but any candy that is small and individually wrapped will work)
Put the candies in a basket that the children can see into.*

Ah! You can see that I have some candy in my basket. Are you thinking that this looks pretty good? Are you thinking that I should share this good looking candy? Are you thinking that I should share some of this good looking candy with you? Well I probably will at the end of our time together today.

Good things are often even better when you share them. When you get good news do you want to share it with other people? When something good happens to you do you want to tell people about it?

The story from our Bible today tells us about how excited the shepherds were when they followed the Angels instructions to go to Bethlehem and they found Mary and Joseph in and saw the baby Jesus. They knew that what the angels has said was true and this baby was born so they could know, all our lives, just how much God loves them.

When we tell the story about Jesus being born at Christmas time we are doing the same thing. We get to share the good news that Jesus was born so we could know all of our lives that God loves us.

Now you might think that the best part of our time together is that I will share my candy with you , but I think the best part of our time together was that we shared the good news that God loves us every day.

Pray with me: Lead you own prayer or ask the children to repeat after you
Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus to us
So we can know you love us every day! Amen