

CHRISTMAS SESSION 03

HOW CAN I SHARE JOY WITH MY COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS?

Luke 2:8-20 The shepherds and the angels

Here are some ideas and activities you could do as a family

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Create

There are probably people you know who it has been difficult to see this year, people you have found it hard to chat or play with and visit. Create a photo collage of the people who are important and special to you and your family. Send them a message and ask them to send you a photo you can add to your collage and use the contact as an opportunity to find out how they are this Christmas.

Write

It's not too late to buy a small pack of Christmas cards which supports a charity (or make your own). Together fill each card with a joyful Christmas message. You could include your own poem or Christmas rhyme, draw a scene from the Christmas story or write a verse from a favourite Christmas carol. Send them to people you know who would love to receive one.

Make

Do you buy candy canes at Christmas? Candy canes look a lot like shepherds' crooks! What else could you make out of candy canes? Be creative together. Perhaps try these super sweet candy cane reindeer: <u>https://www.thespruceeats.com/candy-canereindeer-520633</u>. Can you make some to give to others? They would be sure to bring a smile to anyone's face! Serve

Investigate together a charity that works with children who haven't got much to celebrate at Christmas, perhaps because of poverty, conflict, homelessness or separation from family. Pray for the charity and for the children they support. Can you do something practical to help your chosen charity?

Dance

Choose one Christmas song each and arrange a family dance-off.



Memorise

'The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people." (Luke 2:10 NCV)

Say

Next time you are out walking or shopping, make a point to say friendly things to people who work in your local shops or restaurant.

Share

Send an encouraging or funny picture of your family to someone that you know might need it. Or take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it.