



Bethlehem
Lutheran
Church
Sunday School
Program
Christmas 2024

An angel came to Mary saying, “Fear not Mary, for you are blessed in God’s eyes. God has chosen you to give birth to a son. You shall call your baby Jesus, and he will be called the Son of God.” Mary was filled with great joy and happiness.

She replied, “I will happily carry out God’s will.”



The angel Gabriel came to Joseph in a dream saying, “God has chosen you to be the father to God’s son, Jesus. And Mary will be his mother.” When Joseph awoke, he went to Mary with joy in his heart.





Now, at that time, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. So, Joseph and Mary left Nazareth to return to the small village of Bethlehem.

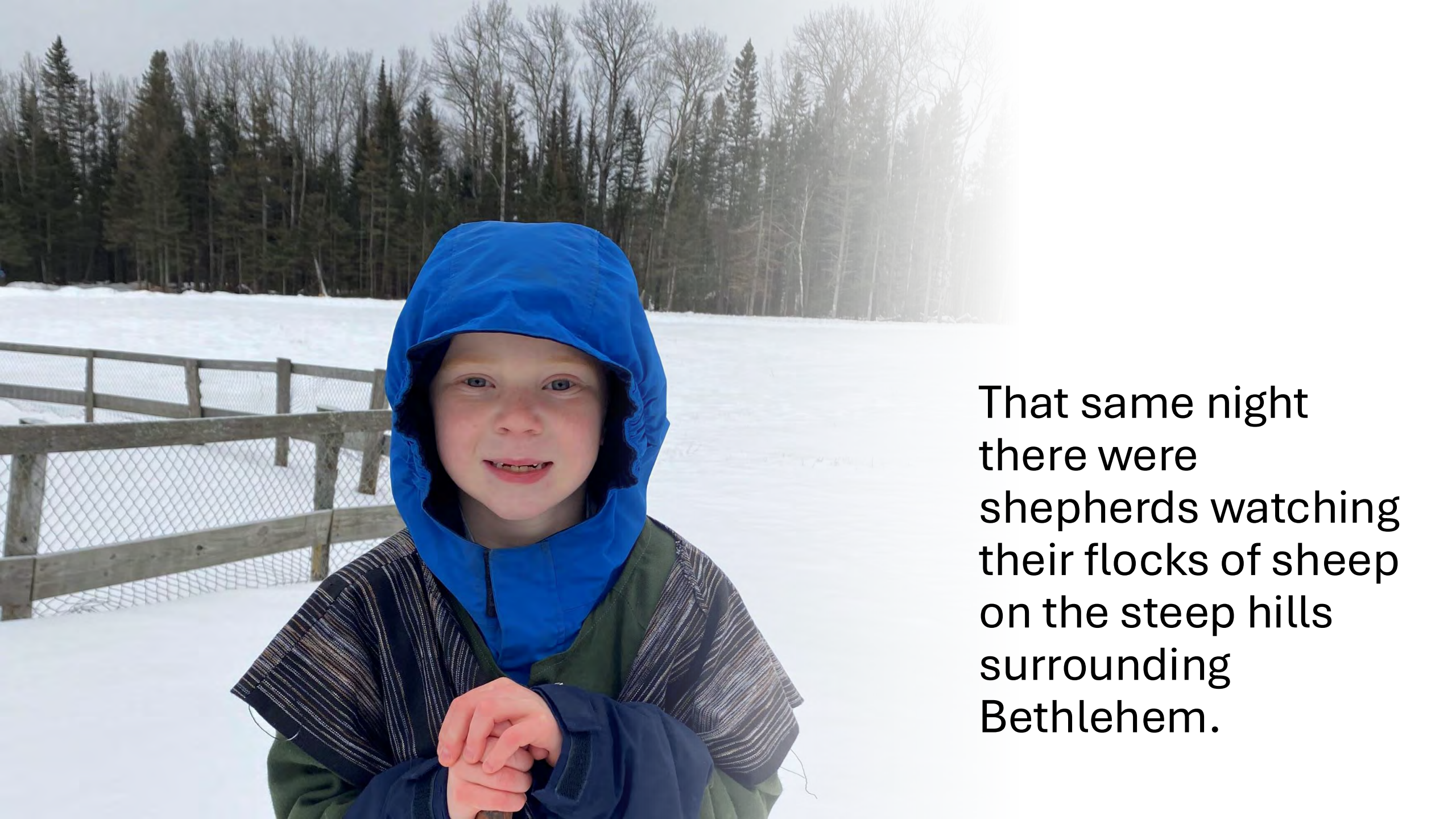
When they arrived in Bethlehem it came time for Mary to deliver. That night, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.





A savior is
born!
Emmanuel,
God with us.





That same night
there were
shepherds watching
their flocks of sheep
on the steep hills
surrounding
Bethlehem.

The shepherds were poor men who wore rough, simple clothing. For them, nights were usually dark, cold and lonely.





The night that Jesus was born, the angel Gabriel suddenly appeared to the shepherds, above them in the sky.

The shepherds
had never seen
an angel before,
and they were
afraid.







But the Angel of God comforted them, saying, “Fear not, good shepherds, for I bring you good news of great joy.”

“Today, in
Bethlehem, a child
was born.
This child shall grow
up and will be the
savior to the world.”





Then suddenly a multitude of angels appeared in the sky, praising God and saying, “Glory to the newborn King. He shall bring peace and goodwill to all God’s people.”





When the angels had departed, the shepherds said, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this wondrous child that God has told us about.”



And so they went in
great haste...

...and found
Joseph and Mary
in the stable, with
the baby Jesus
lying in the
manger..





And when the shepherds returned to the fields, they left praising God and telling everyone what they had seen.



Meanwhile, in the lands far east of Bethlehem, three Magi noticed an unusually bright star in the sky. They decided to follow the star and journeyed for several weeks until it stood over the little stable in Bethlehem where Jesus lay.

When they saw the baby Jesus, the Magi fell on their knees and gave the baby Jesus gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense.





When all had left,
Mary treasured up
all that had
happened and
pondered these
things in her heart.



Thank you to WE Farm for hosting
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Merry
Christmas!!!

