

- Perhaps Joseph said, “His name is Jesus (*Saviour*), for He shall save His people from their sins”

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**1 John 1:7** – “... *The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*”

- Shepherds were amazed as they thought of God’s love for them
- Their words of thankfulness as they worshiped Him could not express all the joy of their heart

### LOC #2, FC 2-6

- When the city of Bethlehem awoke the next morning, they heard news of strange happenings
- To all who would listen, the shepherds told their story ...
- ... of angels ... the good news from Heaven ... and the Baby Jesus
- The people had waited and waited; now their waiting was over. Christ the Lord was born!
- God’s promises can be counted on; God has a special promise for you ... one you can count on

### INVITATION

**Acts 16:31** – “... *Believe* (trust) *on the Lord Jesus Christ* (to be your Saviour), *and thou shalt be saved* (from your sins) . . . .”

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### BOW HEADS RESPONSE

### CHALLENGE

**G - Go over MT**  
**YOU SHOULD THANK GOD  
FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE**

**R - Review PAS verse**  
**Psalm 72:15** – “... *Daily shall He be praised.*”

**O - Overview PAS examples**

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**W - Will you do it?**

### LIFE OF CHRIST #2

#### Luke 2:3-20

- What is the first thing you think of when I say, “What one thing do you want most?”
- A teacher asked that question
- Bruce wanted a dog; Janice wanted a bike; Dean was more thoughtful though ...
- Dean, “More than anything I want my grandparents to accept Jesus as their Saviour”
- Who do you think wanted the best thing? Dean, of course
- Several people in our lesson wanted God to do something very important; who were they?
- It was Mary & Joseph, and they were waiting for God to keep His promise to them
- They were excited about going to Bethlehem; Joseph would find the safest way to get there
- Mary would pack the necessary clothes and food
- But more than anything, they thought about the coming birth of the Son of God

### LOC #2, FC 2-1

- At last they were ready to leave; Joseph may have asked, “Mary, will you be all right?”
- Mary, “Yes, Joseph, I’ll be fine” ... but it wasn’t an easy journey—it took 4 or 5 days!
- Each night they looked for a place to sleep; some nights they might have slept under the stars
- Each day brought them closer to Bethlehem; when they got there, they were tired
- They just wanted to rest; “We will find a room in the inn,” Joseph might have said
- But the inn was filled; now what were they going to do?
- Joseph must have seen that Mary wasn’t feeling well
- Mary knew her Baby was going to come soon; “Joseph we must find a place soon”
- Maybe someone sent them, maybe they found it themselves, but there it was!

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**LOC #2, FC 2-2**

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- The stable! Mary and Joseph settled into the stable
- Joseph probably looked for some clean straw
- While they were there, God's precious Son came into the world as a tiny, newborn Baby!
- This was part of God's plan worked out long ago; you and I know the name of this Baby

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**LOC #2, FC 2-3**

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- Mary and Joseph wrapped Him in soft clothes and laid Him in the manger; they were so happy!
- Their faces showed the joy they felt, and they praised God; they just wanted to thank Him

**MT – YOU SHOULD THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE**

- The excitement made them forget how tired they were
- Mary and Joseph were alone with the miracle Baby

- All at once they heard voices! Mary may have been troubled

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**LOC #2, FC 2-5**

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- But just then shepherds stepped inside the door
- They were talking excitedly, "This is the place. Here is the Baby, just as the angel said!"
- Mary and Joseph were curious, "The angel?"
- The shepherds moved closer and knelt near the manger
- Don't you think the shepherds thanked God for keeping His promise to them?

**MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE**

**Psalm 72:15 – “. . . Daily shall He be praised.”**

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- Quietly, Mary & Joseph waited but they must have questioned, "What about the angel?"

- The shepherds turned from the manger to tell their story

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**LOC #2, FC 2-4**

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- "We were in the fields, some watching sheep while others took their turn to sleep ...
- ... Suddenly, we were all wide awake! The sky was as bright as day; then we saw an angel"
- Hearing the shepherd's story, Mary remembered the angel who came to speak to her
- Shepherds, "First, he told us not to be afraid. We knew he was from God; we were scared"
- The shepherds may have thought of their sinfulness

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**Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”**

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**LOC #2, FC 2-5**

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- Shepherds, "The angel tried to calm our fears; the angel said he was bringing good news ...

- ... good news that would be of great joy for all people"

- The shepherds remembered the exact words of the angel
- Shepherds, "The angel said we would find the Saviour as a Baby, lying in a manger" **(M.V.)**
- Shepherds, "While we were trying to understand this something else happened ...
- ... suddenly the whole sky filled with angels! They were praising God ...
- ... They were saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' "
- The shepherds realized they didn't have to be afraid
- It was because God loved them that He sent them that message

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- Shepherds, "Now we have seen the Christ ... the Promised One!"
- Mary and Joseph must have told them the wonderful things that happened before this night