

Riverside Church of God in Christ

Sunday School Student Handout – December 21, 2025

Lesson Title: Good News of Great Joy

Scripture Focus: Luke 2:8–20

## I. Scripture Text

Luke 2:8–11

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

## II. Lesson Summary

The announcement of Jesus' birth came to shepherds—ordinary people working an ordinary night.

God met them where they were and replaced their fear with joy.

The angel declared that the Savior had been born and that this good news was for all people.

Jesus came in humility, yet His birth brought heavenly praise, peace, and lasting hope.

## III. Key Truths

- God often speaks in ordinary moments.
- The message of Jesus begins with “Fear not.”
- The joy of Christ is for all people.
- Jesus came as Savior, bringing peace and deliverance.
- Encountering Jesus should lead to praise and action.

#### IV. Reflection Questions

1. Why do you think God chose shepherds to hear the announcement first?
2. What fears does the message “Fear not” address in your life?
3. How does knowing Jesus is Savior change the way you live?
4. Who can you share this good news with this week?

#### V. Life Application

This week:

- Be attentive to God in ordinary moments.
- Replace fear with faith through prayer.
- Share the good news of Jesus with someone.
- Respond to Christ with praise and gratitude.

#### VI. Closing Prayer

“Lord, thank You for the good news of great joy.

Thank You for sending Jesus as our Savior.

Help us replace fear with faith and share Your joy with others.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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