

1. Watch chapter 8 from the animated Complete Learning System, *The King is Born* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

2. At Christmas time we give gifts to our loved ones. What is the greatest gift Heavenly Father has given us? (“Everything that Heavenly Father does for us is to help us find peace and joy in our lives. The most special gift He has given us is His Son, Jesus Christ. This was the greatest of all gifts ever given. It includes the gift of the Atonement and the gift of His commandments as taught by the prophets.”
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3. “I bring you good tidings of great joy.” (Luke 2:10)

What is a tiding? News or message.

What is the joyful news that the angel brought to the shepherds? For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

4. The angel told the shepherds that they would find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. What is swaddling clothes?

(Long strips of soft cloth, used in some cultures, to wrap babies and keep them still and calm.)

What is a manger?

(A box from which farm animals eat.)

5. After the shepherds found the baby Jesus they were so filled with joy that they went about sharing the news with others. How can we share this gift of joy and bring ourselves greater joy?

(Discuss ideas. For additional ideas see activity.)

6. What do we need to do to have true joy?

(Keep the commandments so that we might gain eternal life through the gift of the atonement of Jesus Christ.)

Quote: “One has true joy when he knows that he pleases God, and again, when he is assured that God is pleased with him....May we adopt and follow the true road to happiness...keep his commandments and thereby attain the great goal given us by the Lord, namely, life eternal and everlasting joy in the presence of our Heavenly Father and his Beloved Son...” *Joseph Anderson, Ensign, May 1975 © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*