

# Heaven meets Earth: *Glory of God*

**Overarching point:** We can learn from the example of the shepherds

**Key Scripture:** Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)

**Key takeaway:** We can experience the divine and extraordinary, even in the mundane and ordinary

## Introduction:

- > What's the thing you hate most about Christmas? And what's the thing you love most about Christmas? (Allow time for answers.) With or without all those things, it is still Christmas.
- > The significance of the Christmas story is in the story that Jesus came as a baby for us and changed everything.
- > Today, we will learn from the example of the shepherds. .

## 1. They had a curious nature

- > "Joseph, to whom Mary was engaged, was a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19).
- > There is a sign that says, "Just assume I'm right, it will save time."  
That is not what we mean here!
- > Righteous means 'right standing' — right by God.
- > When Joseph found out Mary was pregnant during their betrothal, he still acted in a righteous way and sent her away secretly, rather than disgracing her publicly.

## 2. They recognised God's goodness and greatness

- > The shepherds recognised the goodness and greatness of God.
- > Verse 20 says, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."
- > When we see God's goodness, do we pause, worship God and tell others?

## 3. They experienced the extraordinary within the ordinary

- > The shepherds experienced the extraordinary within the ordinary.
- > Life has some extraordinary moments but is made up of the ordinary.  
We can find God in the ordinary.
- > When those sacred moments come, enjoy them and let them encourage your faith but then bring it into the ordinary, so the ordinary becomes extraordinary.
- > Even in the messiness of life, God is still with us.

## Conclusion

- > Let's be curious to understand more of God. Let's celebrate his greatness and goodness. And let's seek to experience the extraordinary within the ordinary.
- > Your Heavenly Father is always with you, and you are never alone.

