



FAMILY NATIVITY BIBLE STUDY DAY 4

LUKE 2:15-20 SHEPHERDS ARRIVE TO SEE BABY JESUS - TRADITIONAL NATIVITY SCENE

Have you ever heard God speak to you? What was your immediate response? Did you act on what He said, or did you sit and ponder whether it was really His voice? Maybe you were sure you heard what He said but still hesitated. (Disclaimer: It's okay—we've all done it!)

Luke 2 says that when the angels told the shepherds the Good News about Jesus' birth, they "hurried off" to find Him. Instead of waiting around and letting doubt creep in, they responded immediately. This took great faith! Certainly, they wanted to meet Jesus, but they also had earthly concerns. What would they do with their flock? Should they tell their families first? Were they dressed appropriately? Were simple shepherds really worthy of meeting the King of Kings? They didn't let any of the questions we might have asked in the same situation keep them from quickly responding to God.

As we follow Jesus, we need to embrace this kind of faith.

When we hesitate with God, we need to know that all of these feelings, doubt, fear, and insecurity—none of those come from him. When you hear a specific word from Him, trust His direction. He will equip you to do what He's asked you to do. All you need to do is respond. Stir your faith today and decide in advance that you'll move when God's says to move, no matter what!

Pray this together:

Father, thank You for Your patience with me. Forgive me for the times I've hesitated when You have spoken to me. I want to follow Your plan for my life. Strengthen me, and help me to respond quickly when I hear from You.

Don't forget- recreate the nativity scene as a family!

