

JESUS AT THE CENTER OF CHRISTMAS

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God can work through anyone to advance His Kingdom. In the story of Jesus' birth, we see two different groups that don't seem like they would be a part of these events. The first is the shepherds that had their flocks nearby. An angel came and proclaimed the glorious news to them and the skies were filled with the heavenly armies singing praises to God. The shepherds went to see Jesus and then told others what they had seen. The second group is the wise men who came from far away. They had seen the star rise at Jesus' birth and came to worship him. The shepherds were typically not part of regular society and the wise men were foreigners, but God used them to share about Jesus' birth and proclaim His greatness. (Based on Matthew 2:1-12 and Luke 2:8-20)

Questions for reflection or discussion:

1. What are your favorite Christmas songs?
2. How does it make you feel to know that God can use you in someone else's story?
3. How have you experienced God using someone unexpected in your life or the lives of those around you?
4. What helps you continue to seek God in the midst of distractions?
5. Pause and pray, thanking God for something He has done in your life and for the gift of His Son Jesus.

