



ST. MARY + ST. MICHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY FORMATION RESOURCES: December 2021

HAPPY ADVENT!

"The Shepherd" is a short film (about 20 minutes) on the Nativity. Please watch it and use the reflection questions listed below to prepare for Christmas during this Advent season.

Quick Background Information before you watch:

This video is based on the birth of the Messiah, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This video is from the point of view of a shepherd.

Shepherds were not well thought of. They were lowly in society. But as Scripture tells us, they were told first of Jesus' birth by angels.

The Scribes and Pharisees in the video are not kind to Simon, the Shepherd. They don't give him the time of day when he wants to learn about the coming Messiah. Little do the Scribes and Pharisees know, Jesus is the Messiah.

Link to "The Shepherd" video:

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=the-chosen-shepherd-trailer-with-cta-season-1&ap=true>

Reflection/Discussion questions after watching "The Shepherd"

1. What did you think of the movie?
2. What was your favorite part, and why?
3. Who was your favorite character and why?
4. Simon, the Shepherd, was kind to Mary and Joseph and gave Mary his water when she was thirsty. How is God calling you to help others in your community this Advent? It could be praying for a family member or friend, helping your sibling, helping a friend, etc.
5. How can you prepare to make room for Jesus in your life this Advent season?

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD + HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year ☺