

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS – PART 1: HOME SHARING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

*Home should be a place where we feel connected and safe and secure – even in a world that doesn't feel much like any of those things. When we find such a place or news of such a place, it is worth sharing. The story of the first Christmas is a life-changer and it's news worth sharing – just as we see in the original accounts.*

### READ LUKE 2:1-20

- What do you think of when you think of home? Do thoughts of home bring you joy or pain?
- What are some possible feelings Joseph might have had about having to go home to Bethlehem?
- How might Joseph & Mary have felt in a “makeshift” home at such an important time in their lives?
- Why do you think the shepherds might have been terrified at the appearance of the angel?
- Would the words “Don't be afraid” have done much to lower your level of fear? Why do you answer the way you do?
- Why do you think the shepherds said they had to see “this thing that has happened” rather than “what we've been told happened”? What does that statement say about their belief in Jesus' birth?
- Why did the shepherds tell everyone about the good news of Jesus' birth?
- Why were the people astonished at the shepherds' story?
- What is something you've heard or experienced that you've had to share with others?
- Do you agree the story of the first Christmas is good news worth sharing? Why or why not?
- What next step will you take to share the good news of Christmas with someone else?

### HOME IS A PLACE TO SHARE