

SHEPHERDS SEE AMAZING THINGS

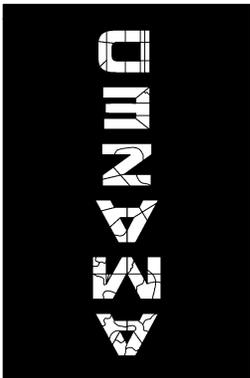
(Bethlehem, Judea) — Some shepherds taking care of their sheep on a hillside near this small village saw two amazing things one night. The first amazing thing came out of the sky. While they were sitting quietly with their sheep, the night sky started to grow bright. It almost seemed as if the sun was coming up. But then the shepherds realized that there were still stars in the sky.

The bright light came from angels, pouring out of heaven, singing songs of joy. The leader of the angels told the shepherds to go into town and see a brand new baby who was there.

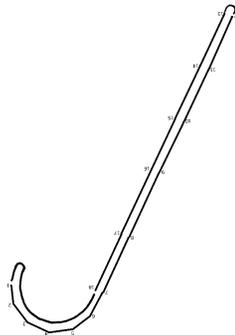
The second amazing thing that happened was that, when the shepherds went into town, they found the new baby just as the angel said they would. They knew the baby was from God.

Luke 2:8-20

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ANSWERS



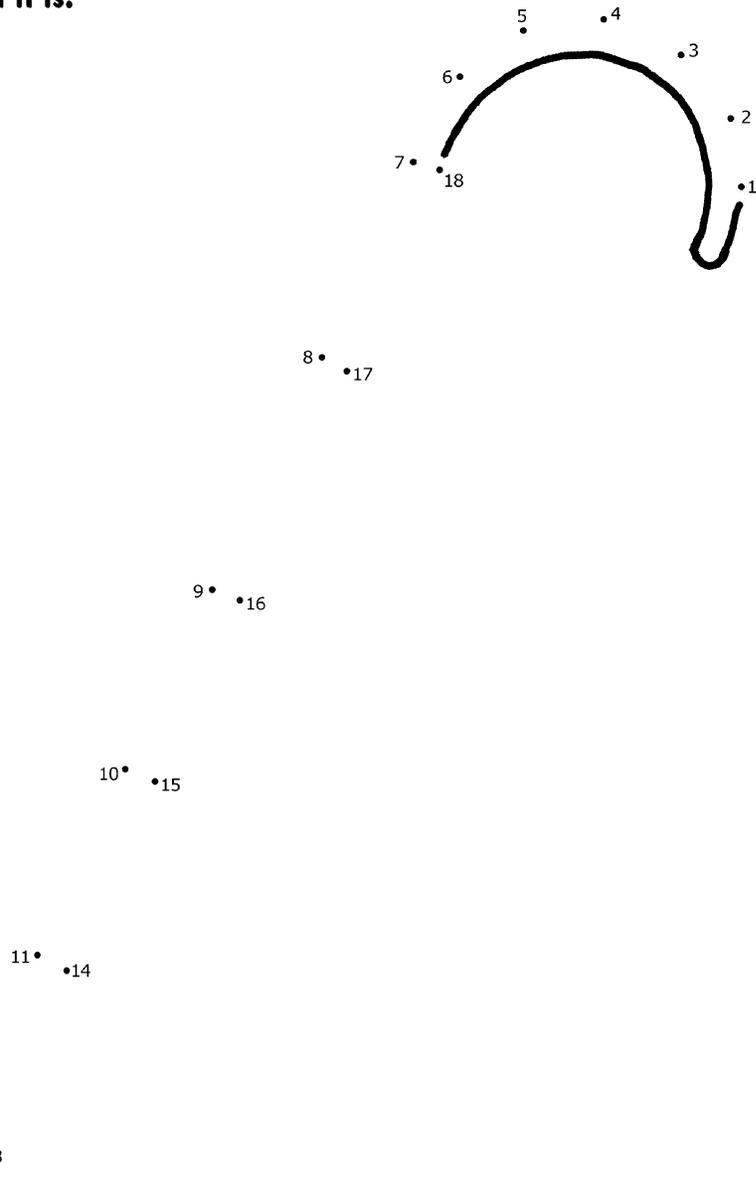
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Sheep and gophers are a lot alike. Both like living out-of-doors, enjoying sunshine, grassy hillsides, and cool breezes. But sheep need shepherds to take care of them. We gophers don't. Here's a picture of something a shepherd uses. Connect all the numbers to see what it is."



Hidden Word. In today's Gospel story, some shepherds were visited in a strange way. If you shade in with a pencil all the spaces with a dot in them, you will reveal a word that describes how the shepherds felt about their visitors.

