**Session 3**

**Theme:** The role of the shepherds

While shepherds watched their flocks

**Resources:**

* Name labels
* Pens
* Ice breaker PowerPoint questions
* Prayer cards
* Video countdown timer
* Christmas song quiz
* Home-made advent calendar & chocs
* Secular game resources
* Jewish shepherd video clip
* Shepherd sketch scripts x 2
* Semi prepared talk
* Sheep-making craft activity resources
* ‘While shepherds watched’ video song with lyrics

| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
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|  |  | **Doors open and ice breaker questions on screen** | 25 min |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | 5 min |
|  |  | **The secular game** | 10 min |
|  |  | Christmas film Quiz. **Note:** For this Christmas series, we used a quiz from YouTube with 100 questions. URL: <https://youtu.be/Kg2ulnD-XXo> | |
|  |  | **Notices & encouragements** | 5 min |
|  |  | ‘Big-up’ Christmas party on 22nd December. Remind folk that there’s no Ignite on 29th December, so will be back on 5th Jan. | |
|  |  | **Advent calendar, theme, and chocs** | 5 min |
|  |  | **Note:** Your advent calendar should be large and homemade, with each week’s theme depicted with a picture etc. Open up next box, explain the theme (shepherds), and hand out chocs. | |
|  |  | **Video clip** | 3 min |
|  |  | Short film about a modern-day Jewish shepherd. URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vz7-Xdy9xBc> | |
|  |  | **Table discussion** | 6 min |
|  |  | What do you know about the life of a shepherd? Then feedback. | |
|  |  | **Sketch** | 5 min |
|  |  | Sketch about two shepherds | |
|  |  | **Table discussion** | 6 min |
|  |  | Why did God send the shepherds to see baby Jesus? Then feedback. | |
|  |  | **Sum-up, ad-libbed talk** | 5 min |
|  |  | **Craft activity** | 10 min |
|  |  | Making a model sheep. **Note:** *there are many different sheep crafts available online. Use one that is appropriate to your congregation* | |
|  |  | **Whole group activity** | 3 min |
|  |  | Sing ‘While Shepherds Watched their Flocks’, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdASbgux6ds> Then pray, and finish | |
|  |  | **End** |  |