

The Christmas Story



gender reveal announcements

out of control?

**Texas plane carrying
350 gallons of pink water crashed**





**Fire ignited that destroyed 45,000 acres
(\$8 million in damages)**

Plot: A Texas family set up a dart board with confetti-filled balloons



when the mom to be accidentally pierced her sister's foot with a dart

**I'm an aunt!
... now I need a
tetanus shot**

Luke 2:8-14

The angel's birth announcement

3 reasons this announcement is good news!



The angel's announcement
is good news because
it ends fear

Luke 2

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.



The shepherds were fearful
because they were in the
presence of the holy

Our fear originated
back in the
Garden of Eden
when our relationship
with God was fractured





The angel's announcement
is good news because
it brings peace

Luke 2

¹³ Suddenly a great company
of the heavenly host
appeared with the angel,
praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the
highest heaven, and on earth
peace to those on whom his
favor rests.”



Our issue with authority:
"I will live my life the way I want."

“I am going to obey the Bible, and now ***God has to*** bless me and give me a good life.”

This is still an issue of control

As you surrender your will
to God's loving authority,
you'll grow in the "peace of God"

trust, joy, less fear and anxiety

The angel's announcement
is good news because
the wait for a Savior is over

Luke 2

¹¹ Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to
you; he is the Messiah, the
Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to
you: You will find a baby
wrapped in cloths and lying
in a manger.”

John 3

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus offers salvation
and eternal life,
but you must receive Him.