

“This little dog must be lost,” the young shepherd said to his companions. “He’s cold and hungry.”

“We don’t need a stray dog to feed,” said another shepherd. “It doesn’t look like a sheep dog. It won’t be any use to us. Let it go find somewhere else to live.”

“I’ll share my bread and cheese with him,” the kind young shepherd replied. “I’d like to keep him, please.”

Suddenly, a great light shone all around them, and the shepherds were terribly frightened because they didn’t know what the bright light was. As they stood there trembling in fear, an angel spoke to them, and said,

“Do not be afraid. I bring you great and joyful news for all people! Today, in King David’s town of Bethlehem, a Baby has been born, and he is the Saviour of the world. Now this is a sign for you. You will find the Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

