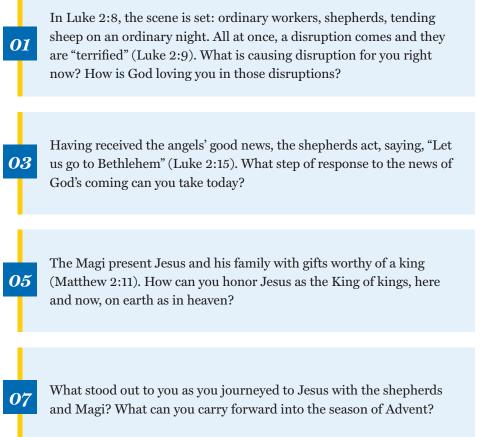
A WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER: **RECEIVE AND WORSHIP**



☀ Coronavirus (COVID-19)

SHEPHERDS. ANGELS. WISE MEN. The Christmas story widens out to include characters that are at once familiar to us. They received the news of Jesus' birth and were drawn to worship the child. Read along and pray through their encounters with the Son of God.



The angel tells the shepherds, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10). How is the coming of Jesus good news for you today?

The Magi, or wise men, see a sign in the heavens and seek to worship a Messiah they do not yet know (Matthew 2:2). Pray today for unreached people, that they will receive revelation of God's salvation.

The Magi are sensitive to God's leading and, out of obedience, don't return to Herod (Matthew 2:12). Their decision helps to save Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Pray for those in danger or trouble today, that God will guide and protect them.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

-MATTHEW 2:11a, NIV

