

## Shepherd/Sheep leader role:

1. Please help the shepherds get their costumes on. They have mono color striped robes, a belt, and a dishtowel type head band with a circlet that holds it on their heads. There are also some shepherd staffs for them to use - usually for the older shepherds.
2. Shepherds and sheep process in, following the stable animals, during "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Sheep may crawl and be gently herded. As they reach the front of the church, they position themselves in front or near the pulpit. If they don't get into position before the end of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" it's okay.
3. During "Away in a Manger", the shepherds and sheep stand to sing verse one, then move into position near the center aisle during v 2 and 3. During the reading that follows, when an ANGEL stands up in front of them they need to silently act scared. When the reader says, "Do not be afraid...." they relax a bit as they stand and listen. The sheep just graze.
4. During "Angels We have Heard on High" they need to stand contained so the angels can fly by without tripping on the shepherds and sheep.
5. The shepherds have to stand there awhile, so they just 'tend' their sheep while waiting.
6. During the fourth reading: Luke 2:15, the shepherds look and gesture with each other and point to the manger scene like they are saying to each other, "Let's go see this thing that has taken place." Then they go up and join the manger scene, kneeling in front and to the sides of the manger, or if the manger area is crowded, the shepherds kneel on the communion rail kneeling pads.
7. When the pastor invites all of the rest of the children forward for the Christmas message, please collect all of the shepherd staffs, ideally placing them in the Fireside Room or in another nearby location out of the way. (Which may mean the area next to the piano or in the narthex with the ushers.)
8. After the service, please help organize the shepherd costumes back into their storage bags/boxes.

Thanks!!!  
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