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“Let us go now even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” That’s what the shepherds said to each other on a hill near Bethlehem thousands of years ago. But what was the “thing” they went to see? It was a child, of course. And not just any child. It was a child whose birth we celebrate even now, all these many years later.

What child is this? I think you may already know the answer to that question. It’s no secret that the child we seek each Advent season is Jesus, the Son of God. He was born a baby just like you were, to show the whole world just how much God loves us, as much as a parent loves a newborn child.

As you seek that child in this book, you’ll have help too. There are many other children in God’s storybook, the Bible. They may be small and sometimes overlooked, but these children and their stories help to point the way to the baby Savior.

Read a devotion and add a handprint or footprint sticker each day of December as you move one step closer toward the child born in a manger.



Cain

Day 1.....Genesis 4:1-8

What child is this who was the first—
The babe of Eve and Adam—
Who tilled the land for grain by hand
Outside the Garden of Eden?
This, this is Adam's son.
Through him we see what sin has done.
Cain, Cain, the jealous one,
The babe of Eve and Adam.



Abel

Day 2.....Genesis 4:9-12

What child is this and where's he gone
That God has come to find him,
Whose brother, Cain, cannot explain
This dear one lying beside him?
Look, look a lamb you'll see
That Abel cared for tenderly.
Hear, hear the sad, sad cry.
This brother needed keeping.



Seth

Day 3.....Genesis 4:25-26

What child is this whose mother calls
A gift which God had granted,
Who grew and grew, to start anew
The promise God had planted?
Seth, Seth, our story goes.
And like a plant, God's family grows.
Wait, wait! The time will come.
God planned it from the beginning.



Isaac

Day 4.....Genesis 21:1-8

What child is this whose daddy dear,
Though old, and tired, and feeble,
Was filled with glee that he should be
The father of God's people?
Look, look and see what joy!
An old man holds his laughing boy.
This child of Abraham:
The promised baby, Isaac.



Esau

Day 5.....Genesis 25:24-26; 27:5-23

What child is this, so big and strong
With hair that's like no other?
Though first by birth, he lost his worth
When tricked by his twin brother.
See, see! Esau is there.
He's covered up with thick red hair.
His life may not seem fair,
For God has found another.



Jacob

Day 6.....Genesis 28:10-17

What child is this who runs to hide
And leave his family behind him,
Afraid, alone, and on his own
Where only God can find him?
This, this is a tricky guy
Who dreamt a ladder in the sky.
God chose him. I wonder why.
The promise is even for Jacob.

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What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The Cross be borne, for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!