

We Want to See the Baby

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Introduction

Narrator One: There is a new baby coming and we can't wait to see Him.
Will He have curly hair or straight? A cute button nose?
Long fingers? Who will He look like when He smiles? We want to
see the Baby Jesus.

Narrator Two: The Children of Israel waited many many generations to see the
promised Messiah. They expected a King as mighty as David and
as wise as Solomon. They never expected a baby born in a barn
who would achieve victory by allowing Himself to be killed on a
cross.

Narrator One: Now we wait to see the Messiah, too. He bought our Salvation
through His death and resurrection. We wait for His return. We
want to see Jesus.

All Children: I want to see the baby!
Will He be like me?
I want to see the baby Jesus!

Finger play: Baby Baby in my arms
Baby Baby soft and warm
Baby Baby smile at me
Baby Baby set me free

(Each child holds a little blanket baby and rocks it while saying the rhyme.)

Song: Some children see him lily white
The baby Jesus born this night
Some children see him lily white
With tresses soft and fair

Jesus is the Baby King

Narrator One: *Matthew 1: 18-21*

Narrator Two: To Joseph, the coming baby meant disgrace. God's word, through the angel, convinced him that this child would not bring embarrassment to His earthly father, but instead, bring glory to His Heavenly Father.

When a baby is on the way many announcements and predictions occur. Every one seems to have an opinion about the gender, birth date and future looks of the baby. There should have been no doubts about this baby.

Narrator One: *Galatians 4:4-5* Jesus came to fulfill God's promise of Salvation.

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Finger play: This baby wears a crown
He is our Lord and King
We go from town to town
His praises we will sing

This birth was in a stall
Cows there to graze
He came to save us all
A King in the hay

(These children will wear crowns)

Song: Some children see him bronzed and brown
Lord of heaven to earth, come down
Some children see him bronzed and brown
With dark and heavy hair

Jesus is the One Foretold

Narrator One: *Matthew 2:1-6*

Narrator Two: The baby born in a barn may have been a shock but He should not have been a surprise. Jesus' coming was foretold by many of God's prophets. Herod apparently knew nothing of the Messiah and his birth place. Just as the children of Israel mistakenly thought the Baby was to be an earthly king, Herod mistakenly thought the baby would supplant him.

Narrator One: We have mistaken roles for baby Jesus, too. We want a baby that brings a solution to all of our problems. We want Him to bring us prosperity, help us lose weight, make us perfect parents, and bless each day with no stress or problems. We want Him to be the easy fix.

Narrator Two: What is your expectation of the Baby Jesus? Jesus didn't come to fix our lives. "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart I have overcome the world." John 16: 33 He came to fix our relationship with our Heavenly Father. This is the peace He brings. This is the peace our hearts require.

All Children: I want to see the baby!
Will He be like me?
I want to see the baby Jesus!

Finger play: This baby was foretold
By God's men, very wise
He doesn't look so old
He's very small in size

This baby came to do
The work of God, it's said
He is so very new;
With lots of work ahead.

(These children wear star hats)

Song: Some children see him almond eyed
The savior whom we kneel beside
Some children see him almond eyed
With skin of golden hue

Jesus is our Redeemer

Narrator One: *Luke 2:8-14*

Narrator Two: The people in Israel knew they needed saving from the Romans. They wished to be free of this oppressive rule. They wished to be left in peace to live and worship as the chosen children of God. Often, we wished to be left alone, too. We want to continue on our path of sin; but, this new Baby King changes everything.

Narrator One: “Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them. ‘This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. Luke 24: 45-47 Jesus brought us forgiveness and now He sends us into the world to share this gift.

All Children: I want to see the baby!
Will He be like me?
I want to see the baby Jesus!

Finger play: This baby is our Savior
Redeemer, King and Lord
He brings to us God’s favor
And peace on Earth restored

Repeat the verse. These children wear garland halos

Song: Some children see him dark as they
Sweet Mary’s son to whom we pray
Some children see him dark as they
And, oh, they love him, too

Jesus is the Perfect Answer to our Prayer

Narrator One: The Baby born in a stable was not what the world prayed for but He was the perfect answer. He came at the perfect time, lived the perfect life, endured the perfect struggle, and gave us the perfect relationship with God. Perfect means without blemish or error, but it also means complete or fulfilled. God’s work, through His Son, Jesus, is perfect and complete.

Narrator Two: What did the Baby look like? He probably had black hair and dark eyes. He may have sucked His fist or cooed. Whatever He looked like, He was perfect. He was, and is, for each of us, the Perfect Answer.

All Children: I want to see the baby!
 Will He be like me?
 I want to see the baby Jesus!

Finger play: We want to see the baby
 Will His eyes be brown or blue?
 We want to have an answer
 Do you want to see him, too?

 This baby is quite perfect
 The answer to our prayer
 His work on Earth was perfect
 The Spirit makes us aware.

 We want to tell the world
 That this Baby came to save
 He is the perfect answer
 To every prayer we gave

(These children will wear candle hats)

Song: Some children see his legs in a brace
 Riding a chair to win a race
 Some children see him talk with His hands
 And, oh, they love Him so (kdm)

Narrator One: A baby is new, little, helpless and irresistible. We are drawn to a new baby and when holding one, we often find ourselves swaying gently and cooing.

Narrator Two: A new baby reminds us of the new life we have in Jesus. In the world we are as helpless as a baby. When it comes to earning salvation we are helpless, too. Because of the Saving Work of Jesus' death and resurrection we are welcomed into the arms of our Heavenly Father.

Song: The children in each different place
 Will see the Baby Jesus' face
 Like theirs but bright with heavenly grace
 And filled with holy light

 Oh, lay aside each earthly thing
 And with thy heart as offering
 Come worship now the infant king
 His love that's born tonight
 His love that's born tonight

Blessing:

Some Children See Him

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