

# JOY!

## GETTY KIDS DEVOTIONAL

25-DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

### DAY 12

Like us, crying he takes his first breath  
Held by His mother helpless, close to her beating heart

*"While (Mary and Joseph) were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son."*

LUKE 2:6

When a baby is born the first thing you want to hear is their cry! It's the big sign that their little bodies are breathing in the air for the first time. After this I remember the doctor resting my babies on my chest so they could hear my heart beat. It brought them comfort. They knew the sound of my heart beat very well after growing so many months inside of me. At all the check ups the doctors would let me hear my slower heartbeat and their faster heartbeat. As I took care of each one at home they always liked to snuggle in close to my heart. Especially when they were upset.

Jesus also knew what this was like when He was with His mother—the cries of that first breath, feeling the cold, leaving the safe space of his mother's womb and now loving the safe space of her arms. It is a remarkable thing that the Lord would make Himself so small and so weak. He would cry our tears. He would feel our cold. He would know our fears. His heart would beat like ours so that He could bring life to us.

➔ How does His life on earth bring life to us?

➔ *Father in Heaven*

*Thank you that you know what it is like to be a little child. Please help me not to be afraid. Please give strength to all those you have given to take care of me,*

*In Jesus name,  
Amen*

