

JOY!

GETTY KIDS DEVOTIONAL

25-DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

DAY 3 **Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary**

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

MATTHEW 11:29

A 'fanfare' is a loud and lively piece of music played by brass instruments like a trumpet. It is often used to introduce someone important—like a President or King and Queen.

When a royal baby is born it is usually a very big deal for everyone. I remember when the new princes and princess of England were born. There were hundreds of cameras clicking outside the hospital trying to snatch the first photograph! They were born with the best doctors. They moved into the palace. They were dressed in the best clothes you could buy. The news went all over the world in seconds!

Yet when the greatest King was born, He came much more humbly, much more gently. Jesus, who made the silver light of stars, the golden rays of the sun, the ruby color of an evening sky was born as a little baby in an animal's stable and laid in a manger. No great palace. No huge crowd squeezing in. No fanfare.

To be humble is something that pleases God's heart. What does it mean to be humble? It is much more than the things we have or don't have. In the Bible it really means to trust and rely on the Lord and then to love and follow Him completely. This means to care much more about His importance than my own. This means to love the Lord and others more than I love myself. Christ shows us that this is what it looks like to be truly great. He came as a humble gift of love to everyone.

➔ Can you think of one simple way you could show or tell someone about the love of Jesus this Christmas?

➔ *Father in heaven,
Thank you that you are a humble King, a King who came to serve and to save the lost. May your humble heart grow in me that I might always serve and love you.*

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

