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Let's take a closer look into the manger scene this Advent to see how God's greatest gift is on display.

On the first day of December, assemble the stable by following the directions on the included cut-out poster. Each day after that, add a sticker to the manger scene. The numbers will give you suggestions on where to place them. Look carefully! Some numbers are hiding behind closed doors and windows. Read the Bible verse for the day and learn about the different pieces of the scene. (Each figure plays an important part in the story and helps us prepare for God's great Christmas gift.) On December 25, add the final piece to the manger scene and look to see how God's great gift of Jesus makes our lives complete.

December 1

The Stable.....Isaiah 9:6

Let's look around the manger scene

As we prepare expectantly,

For God's good promise is revealed

Right here and now for all to see.

We'll open up our hearts and eyes

To welcome in God's great surprise.

Assemble
your stable
centerpiece
today!



December 2

A Lamp.....Isaiah 9:2

The stable's dark and hard to see.

But look! A shining light appears!

At once the darkness fades away

And everything is crystal clear.

A Light now shines in all our lives

Because the Savior has arrived.



December 3

A Donkey.....Zechariah 9:9

There is a humble donkey here,
A creature small and smelly too.
What kind of king would ride this thing?
That is not what a king should do.
But this is how our King will be.
He loves and serves us humbly.



December 4

A Sheep.....John 1:29

“Behold!” That means to take a look.
“The Lamb of God is on the way
To be a humble sacrifice.
He comes to take our sin away.”
Keep looking at this sheep-filled site.
The Lamb of God is born this night.



December 5

A Lamb & Wolf.....Isaiah 11:6

“A little child will lead them all.”

That’s what the prophet had foreseen.

“He’ll bring us righteousness and peace.”

Just look at what that peace can mean.

“The wolf and sheep will live as friends.

The peace he brings will never end.”



December 6

Straw.....Isaiah 11:7

Would God sleep on a bed of straw?

That seems too strange to be the truth.

I’d have to see it to believe.

I’d really like to have some proof.

It may sound strange, but it is true

That God is doing something new!

December 7

Doves.....Isaiah 9:7

Look in the rafters and you'll see
A pair of peaceful doves at rest.
We're waiting for the promised King
To bring his perfect peace to us,
Then all of us will truly be
At peace with God eternally.



December 8

Mary.....Luke 1:26-31

An angel came with joyful news
That Mary soon would have a boy.
This child will be the Son of God.
He comes to bring eternal joy.
When Mary heard the angel's news,
She did just what God asked her to.

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When Christmas comes with colored lights,
With snowmen, sweets and other sights,
It's often easy to ignore
Just whom this celebration's for.

Let's look around the manger scene
To see what Christmas really means.
And celebrate God's gift of love
Placed in a manger from above.

We'll look with shepherds, sheep and kings,
And peek beyond the other things,
To seek the Savior, born for you.
Look! Do you see him? I do too!