

# Advent Devotional

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## The Wisdom of Children

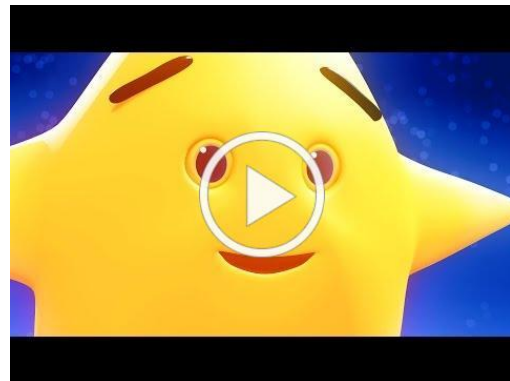
*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." –Matthew 19:14*  
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When I taught pre-kindergarten (years ago), one of their favorite nursery rhymes was Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. I would gather all the three- and four-year olds, after lunch, form a circle, all eyes on me, and with sweet anticipation we would begin,

*Twinkle, twinkle  
little star  
how I wonder what you are  
up above the world so high  
like a diamond in the sky  
twinkle, twinkle little star  
how I wonder what you are....*

With each note, the children would lose themselves in the splendor, even magic of it all. Their little eyes would look up as if they could actually see twinkling stars. Their gazes were so intense that the invitation to gaze upward would overpower me and within minutes all our eyes would be searching the the magical, twinkling, stars. Afterwards, we would sit quietly, looking up, mesmerized and eyes blinking with each imaginary twinkle.

I would often think how beautiful it would be if we could all look, feel, and see with the innocence of a child. Imagine if we saw one another as splendid, beautiful, twinkling creations, just as God sees us...



Recently, I found myself thanking God for blessing me with these memories of the children. Once again, I could see their little eyes looking up as if to see the twinkling stars above our heads. I began to the possibility that maybe they really did see the stars, perhaps their eyes met the eyes of God...I never really considered that possibility before. Children have a way of seeing things we adults are too jaded to see.

Imagine if we saw each other through the eyes of a child, Wow, imagine that!