

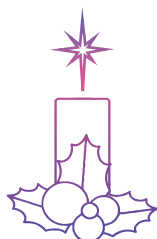
Children's Moment



Do you know what scientists call the birthplace of stars? A stellar nursery! Maybe like your nursery when you were little, stellar nurseries are places of new beginnings, creative energy, and a little—if not a lot of—chaos. Stars are born ~from pressure and by bringing together many different things to make something new. Although real stellar nurseries look nothing like the picture above, it is fun to think of stars as babies growing and being cared for together!

Of course, scripture tells us that Jesus spent his first night in a stable manger surrounded by farm animals, not in a cozy crib or with a rocking chair for Mary and Joseph. When you think about the baby Jesus, I wonder what comes into your imagination. What do you think his newborn skin felt like? What did he smell like? How did he like to be held? What lullabies were his favorite? What made him giggle?

I wonder what would come into your mind and heart if you imagined something new being born in your life. What feels like a beginning to you? What's something new that feels full of creative energy and imagination? What do you hope is born in you and around you this Christmas Eve?



*"...WHEN THEY SAW THE **STAR**, THEY WERE FILLED WITH **JOY**..."*
 MATTHEW 2:10