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Hide and seek
is fun to play.
That's what happens
Easter Day.

Not with eggs
and baskets, though.
Not with brand-new
Easter clothes.

Not with chicks
and jelly beans.
That is not what
Easter means.

Look past all those
things with me.
Tell me, what else
can you see?

Look for something
so much more,
something God
has got in store.

Something hidden
many years.
Someone special
who appears
from the tomb
on Easter morn
so that we
might be reborn.

Do you see the Savior who
comes to seek the lost like you?

BORN in a BARN

Do you see the Savior?
The search has just begun.
His **star** is rising in the east,
bright as the shining sun.

Three kings have followed faithfully
to where the star has led.
The Savior of the world found in
a humble **manger** bed.



A Manger

Day 1 • Luke 2:4-12

The search for the Savior began just outside the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. Sin was in the world. Creation was in need of a Savior. God made a promise in that garden to Adam and Eve—a promise that the Savior would come. God's people had been on the lookout ever since, waiting and hoping and searching for the Savior.

Is this really where our journey through Lent begins? At the first Christmas? Let's look for the manger and see.

Star

Day 2 • Matthew 2:1-6

The prophets from the Old Testament wrote clues about where to find the Savior. Clues that came right from God. They wrote that God was sending the world a Child. They even wrote where to look for that Savior: in the tiny town of Bethlehem.

Why, the only thing that would make finding the Savior easier would be to shine a bright light down from heaven on the place he was born. Oh, that's right! God did that too.

Three Kings

Day 3 • Matthew 2:9-11

Magi from a far eastern land are following a star, seeking out the newborn baby. This is no ordinary child, you see. This is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

There is more to this manger Child than meets the eye. Let's join the Magi in their search for the King of kings.

Bread

Day 7 • Matthew 4:1-4

The devil has come to tempt the Savior to sin. "If you are really God's promised one," the devil says, "turn this stone to bread." Jesus had not eaten in forty days. A bite of bread would really hit the spot. Satan knows just what tempts you the most.

There are more important things than bread, Jesus tells the devil. God's Word is all we need to survive.

The World

Day 8 • Luke 4:5-8

Now what is the devil up to? He is asking Jesus to bow down and worship him. "I can give you power over all the world," Satan says.

That sounds pretty tempting, but Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the King of kings, and he already has power over the whole world and everything in it.

"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only," Jesus says. Satan should be the one doing the bowing.

Two Angels

Day 9 • Matthew 4:8-11

The devil said to Jesus, "throw yourself down from the highest point of the temple. For it is written: 'God will command his angels to guard you carefully ... so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Satan is using God's own words to tempt Jesus.

But our Savior knows *all* of what the Scriptures have to say. "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." The devil leaves, defeated. And God's angels arrive to care for Jesus. The only true words the devil spoke were God's words after all.



What Tempts You?

Do you see the Savior?
He is here but not alone.
Someone tempts him with a snack:
some **bread** made from a stone.
"Bow to me," the devil says,
"I'll give the **world** to you."
"Jump! **Angels** will stop your fall."
What will the Savior do?

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The pictures in this book are filled with fun things to look at and hidden objects to find. But there's more here than meets the eye. These pictures, poems and devotions also tell a wonderful story: the story of God's plan for the salvation of the world.

Each day of Lent, we will learn about the life of God's promised Savior: Jesus. We'll follow along toward Jesus' cross and eventually to the empty tomb. There our Savior will be revealed in all his saving power and glory. Throughout each of the 40 days of Lent you can read the Bible verse and devotion. Then look for the special hidden items that are mentioned in the poem. Keep your eyes open for other surprises along the way. As Easter approaches, you'll be happy to see that our risen Savior lives and works right inside of you. Now you can help other people see the Savior, too.

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