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I was baptized on

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My godparents are

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Me



I know I am me
from my head to my toes,
my hands and my fingers,
my ears and my nose.

Whatever I do
and whatever I'll be,
for ever and always
I know I'll be me.



Before I was made,
God loved me.

When I was born,
God loved me.





Now I am here,
God loves me.

For ever and ever
God loves me.



God, who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
Careth for me.

God, who made the grass,
The flower, the fruit, the tree,
The day and night to pass,
Careth for me.

God, who made all things,
On earth, in air, in sea,
Who changing seasons brings,
Careth for me.

Sarah Betts Rhodes



Dear God

I know I am only little.

I can't be in charge of big things.

But I know I am safe with God:

as safe as a baby in its mother's arms.

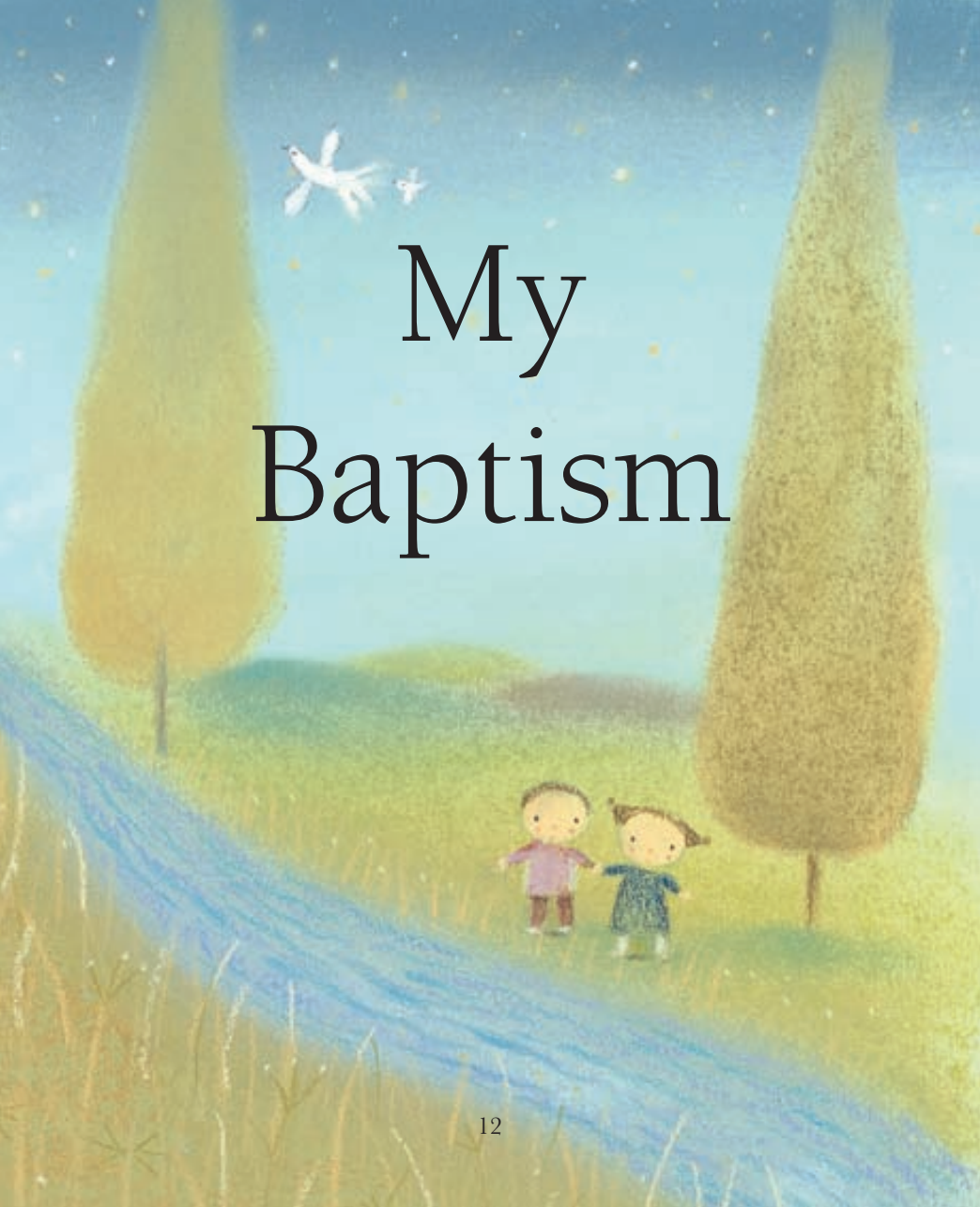
From Psalm 131



Hand in hand
with someone who loves me
I feel safe.

Looking back
to someone who loves me
I feel safe.

Looking up
to the God who loves me
I feel safe.



My Baptism

I am baptized
to show that I am truly a child of God.

I am baptized
to show that I truly want to follow Jesus.

I am baptized
to show that I want God's Holy Spirit to
be my friend and helper.

One day, some people brought their children to Jesus. They wanted him to give them his blessing.



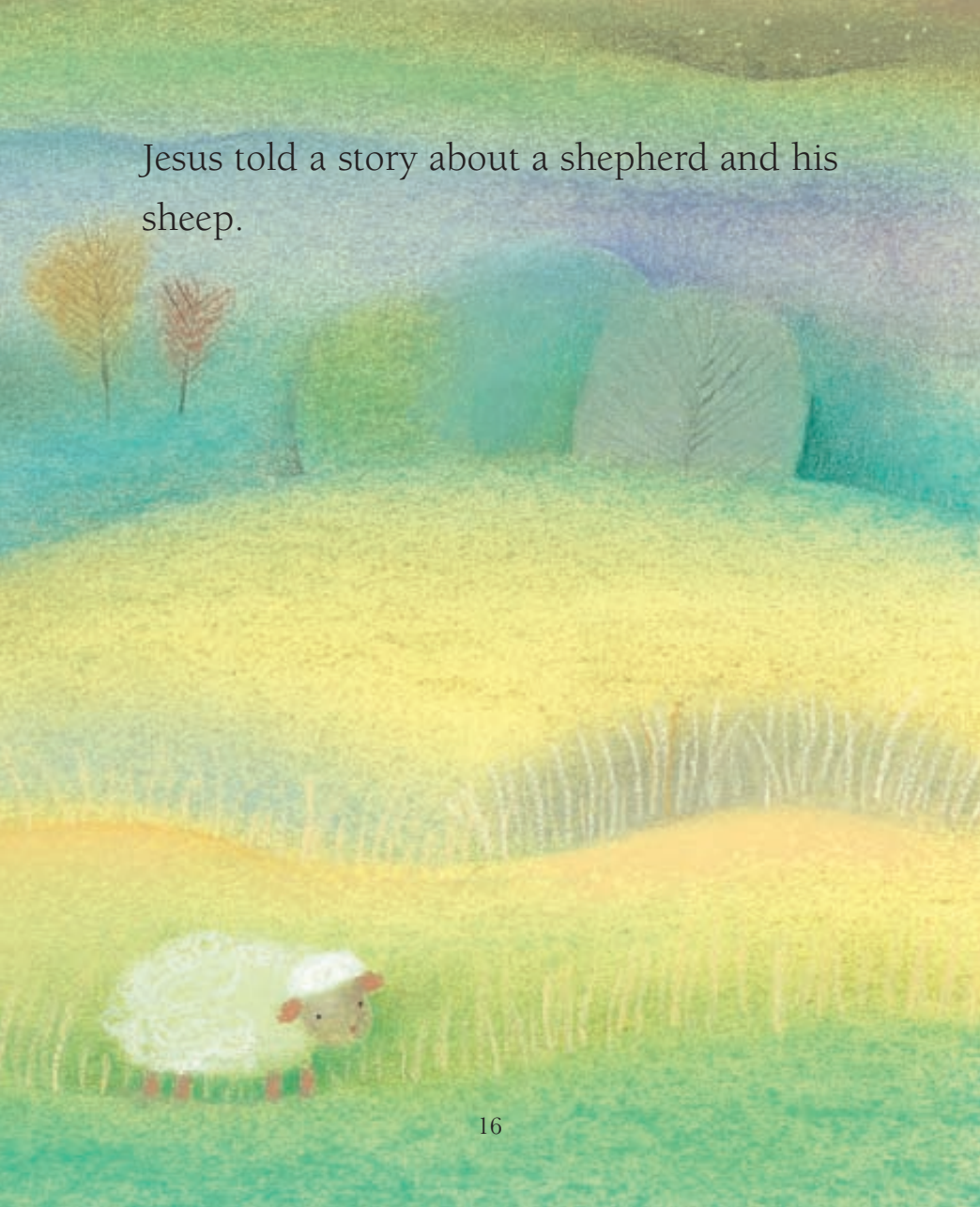
Jesus' friends were angry. 'You mustn't waste Jesus' time,' they said. 'He's so busy preaching. The things he has to say are far too clever and far too important for children.'

Jesus called the children. 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them,' he said. 'The kingdom of God belongs to them.'

From Luke 18



Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep.



Long ago, there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep.

One day, a little lamb went missing.

The shepherd left the ninety-nine safe in the green pasture. He went to look for his lost lamb. He walked over the hills and along the valleys. The hours went by. The sun began to set.

At last the shepherd found his lamb. It had strayed a very long way. He was overjoyed to see it again. Gently he picked it up and carried it home.

When the lamb was safe with the flock, he called to his friends.

‘I’m so happy!’ he said. ‘I have found my lost lamb. Please come to a party to celebrate.’

‘God is like that shepherd,’ said Jesus. ‘When someone turns to God and asks to be brought back into the circle of God’s love, all the angels sing for joy.’

From Luke 15



Angel of God, my guardian dear
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Traditional



A soft, painterly illustration of a child in a red dress standing in a field of tall grass and blue flowers. A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk stands behind the child. In the sky, two orange birds are flying. The background shows rolling green hills and a blue sky. The overall style is gentle and whimsical.

A Child of God

I wash my hands
to make them clean
and ready to do good.

And God above
will teach me how
to do the things I should.

