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The Little **KING**



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*This book is dedicated to all of God's Children, big and small.
That we would always remember
the simplicity of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.*

A special thanks to everyone that helped bring this little book to life.



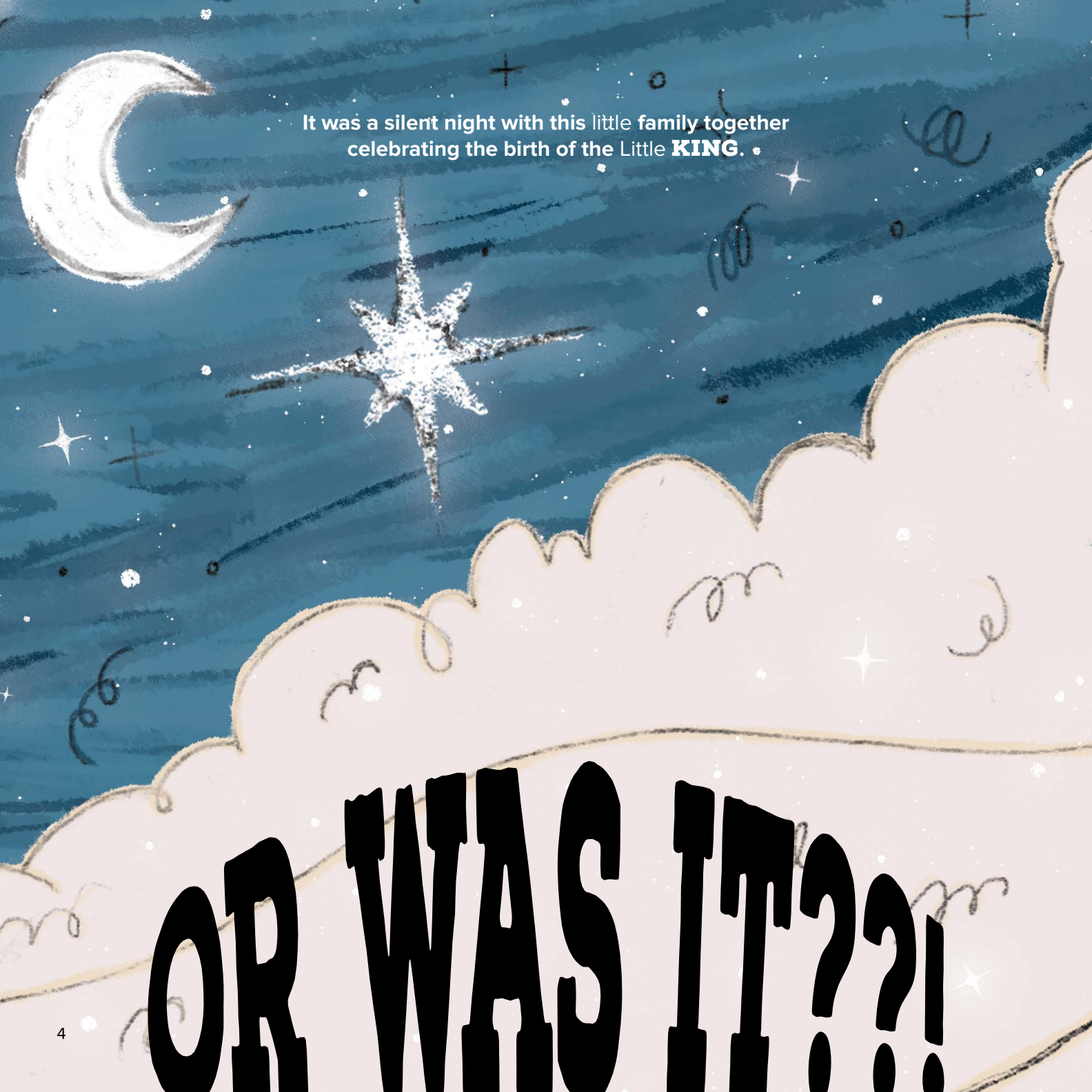
It all started in a little town, in a little barn.

In that barn was a mom, a dad and a manger that held the most
PRECIOUS GIFT
a baby

A colorful illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary, wearing a red hooded cloak, holds the baby Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes. Joseph, with a beard and wearing a brown robe, stands beside her. They are in a stable with a manger of yellow straw to the left. The background is a warm yellow glow with a bright star in the sky and dark, curved beams of light. The text 'That baby was JESUS,' is written in the top left, and 'The Little KING' is at the bottom.

That baby was
JESUS,

The Little **KING**

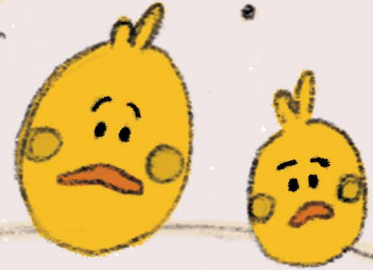
A night sky illustration with a dark blue background. A large, bright crescent moon is in the upper left. A prominent, multi-pointed star with a bright center is in the center. The sky is filled with smaller stars, some with crosshair patterns, and some with spiral patterns. In the foreground, there are large, white, stylized clouds with a scalloped edge. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

It was a silent night with this little family together
celebrating the birth of the Little **KING**.

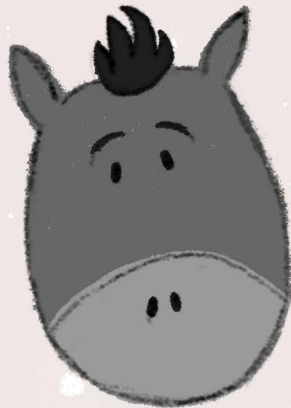
OR WAS IT??!

We don't know for sure, but let's imagine that He was born in a manger surrounded by all kinds of animals.

Cows. Horses. Ducks.



Donkeys. Chickens. Birds.



Sheep. Mice.



And if there's one thing animals are not,

it's

SILENT.

So, I imagine it must have been a very

NOISY night!

I wonder if there were cows near the manger.
What would the cows sound like?



MOO

NEIGH

Do you think there were horses?
What would they sound like?



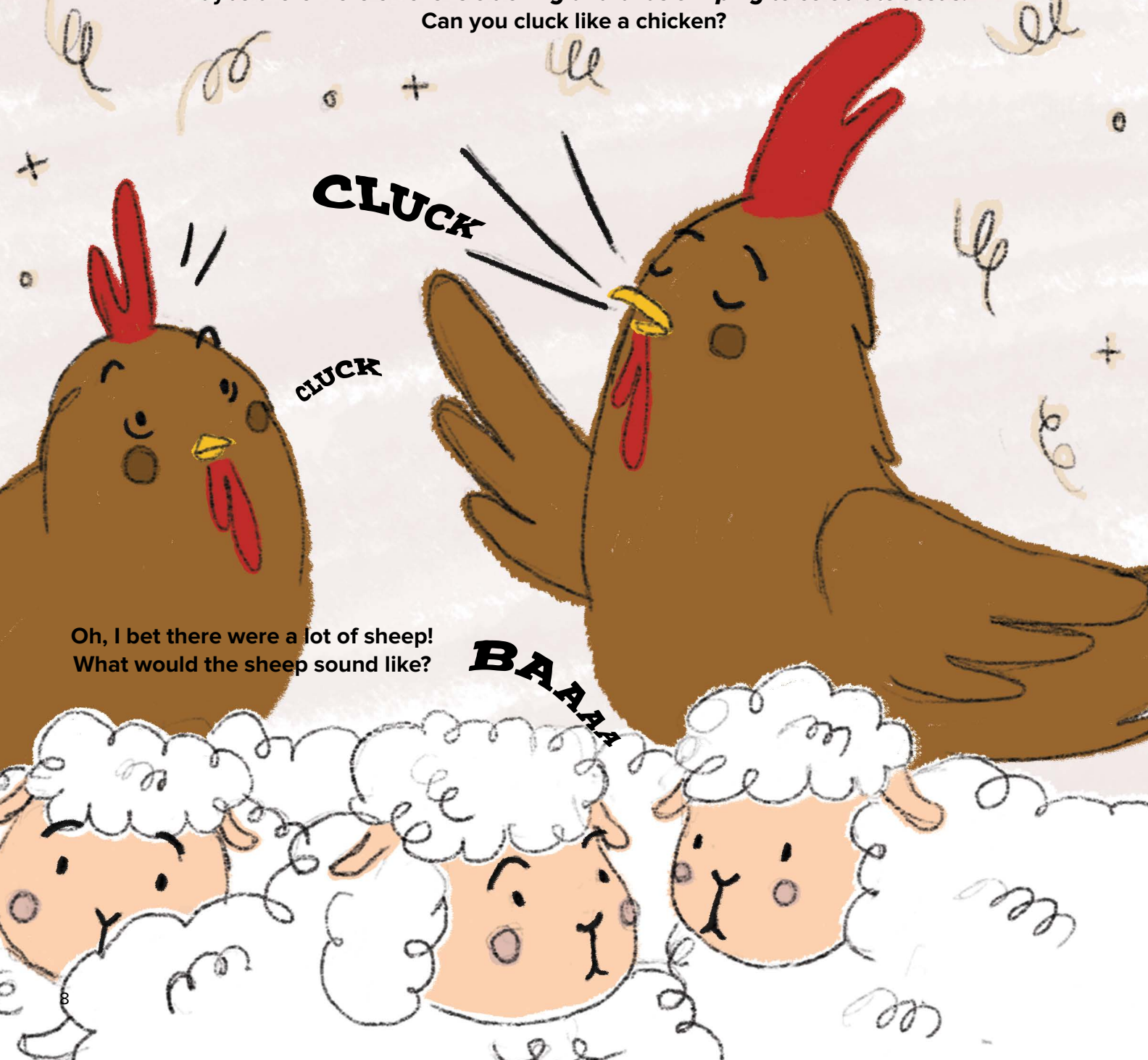
**QUACK
QUACK**

What about ducks?
What would the ducks sound like?



The cows **moored** low, the horses **neighed** free, all while the ducks **quacked** with glee!

Maybe there were chickens *clucking* and birds *chirping* to celebrate Jesus.
Can you cluck like a chicken?



Oh, I bet there were a lot of sheep!
What would the sheep sound like?

BAAAA

The sheep yelled “*baa*”,
the birds sang “*tweet*”,
the chickens *clucked* with a sound that’s

OH SO SWEET.

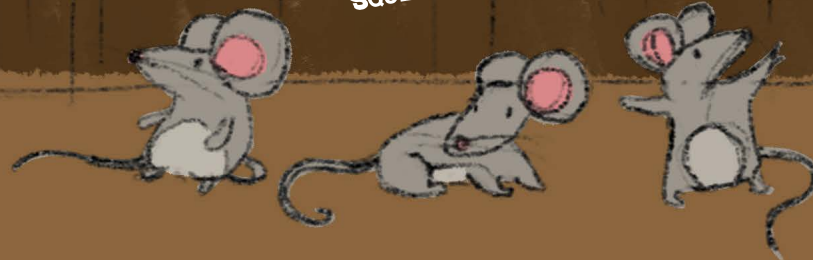
There may have even been some donkeys and mice running around too.
What would that sound like?

HEE-HAW



The donkeys *hee-hawed* and the mice
made a small peep.
The sound was so loud, no creature
could sleep!

**SQUEAK
SQUEAK**





I wonder what was happening
OUTSIDE...

Nearby, a choir of angels appeared before shepherds delivering the good news.

They sang

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

as the shepherds woke up from their snooze.



**"THE LITTLE KING
HAS COME"**

they *shouted* all over town. Maybe the people *danced* and *sang* as the news spread around!

What song did they sing?

LA LA LA LA

Let me hear you

SING!

With *moos* and *quacks*, *dance* and *song*,
everyone welcomed the **KING** who had come along.

The Little **KING** came for them and for you, too!



An illustration depicting the nativity scene. Three wise men in colorful robes (green, yellow, and maroon) are gathered around a manger. In the foreground, a grey donkey and a brown horse are looking towards the manger. The background shows a simple stable with a wooden wall and a blue sky with some faint clouds.

Now, we share the news of

JESUS CHRIST


and spread

HIS LOVE

and spread

HIS LIGHT

**We announce His hope and joy as creation did
that not-so-silent night.**



But let's all remember that with every sound we add and song we sing, that we don't forget the simple birth of the Little **KING**.

That it all started in a little town, in a little barn.


In that barn was a mom, a dad and a manger that held the most

PRECIOUS GIFT
a baby

That baby was
JESUS,



The Little **KING**



✦ The first Christmas was a not-so-silent night
with this little family together celebrating the gift of the Little **KING**.

And that Little **KING**
grew up to rule over the greatest Kingdom ever known,



THE KINGDOM



M OF HEAVEN

which we ALL are invited to be a part of.

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6



Have you ever wondered what it was like on the first Christmas?
The night of **JESUS'** birth is often described as a silent night, but
how silent was it really?

Just imagine the sounds of that night: the cows mooing, the horses
whinnying, the ducks quacking, the sheep baa-ing. Even the mice
were making noise! But the loudest sound of all was the sound of
joy because the Little **KING** had finally come.

This heartwarming story reminds us that the true meaning of
Christmas will forever be found in the simple birth of the Little
KING, who came to bring us hope and joy.

