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Dear Ms. Doe:

Five-year-old Lisa Moore jumps out of bed and rushes downstairs on Christmas morning—not to open stockings but to see if baby Jesus really has arrived. The baby figure that was conspicuously missing from nativity sets displayed throughout the Moores' home appears in His manger only on December 25th.

I would like to propose a 700-word article entitled “Where Is Baby Jesus?” for your consideration. This article will offer simple, sometimes unusual, suggestions to help parents keep the season focused on Jesus, such as:

- Buy only three presents for each child in memory of the Magis' gifts
- See a *live* Christmas play, whether the Nativity story or an allegory
- Wrap up in pajamas and robes, put hot chocolate in spill-proof cups, and tour subdivisions, looking at Christmas lights and singing carols that commemorate the Light of the World
- Create an advent Jesse tree and hang an ornament each day in conjunction with the devotional
- Celebrate Jesus' birthday with child-friendly food and give “His” gifts to families in need
- Spread Jesus' love by singing at a nursing home, serving meals at an inner-city mission, etc.

I will also include a side bar of easy and inexpensive crafts parents and children can make together that keep Christ at the center of their holiday.

I have written articles on family issues for *Focus on the Family*, *Today's Christian*, *Women of Spirit*, and *Alive Now*, as well as articles on other topics for magazines such as *Journey*, *Light & Life*, *Pray!*, and others. This article can be available within four weeks of request.

Thank you for your consideration of this query.

Sincerely,

Tracy Crump