

What Child Is This?
He Is an Adoptive Father
Matthew 1:18-25

Every version of the ancient Apostles' Creed contains a reference to the virgin-birth of Jesus. The early church fathers, holding to a high view of Scripture affirmed that the teaching of the virgin birth of Jesus was necessary in order to properly understand the work of the cross. Yet, many people reject this doctrine or claim that it is irrelevant. Does it matter what we believe when we answer the question, "What Child is this?"

1. Jesus is a child that _____
2. Jesus is a child that _____
3. Jesus is a child that _____

Jesus is our Adoptive Father

- He adopts us and _____ us as His own
- He adopts us and _____ us from sin
- He adopts us and makes us _____

What child is this? He is the One who enables adoption into God's family and gives a new name to those who become a part of the family. He is the One who was laid in a manger at His birth and hung on a cross at His death so that we could be saved from our sins. He is the One who offers victory and life as He makes adoption into His family available to all who call on His name. What child is this? He is Jesus, the adopting and naming God who sets us on His knee and calls us sons and daughters.