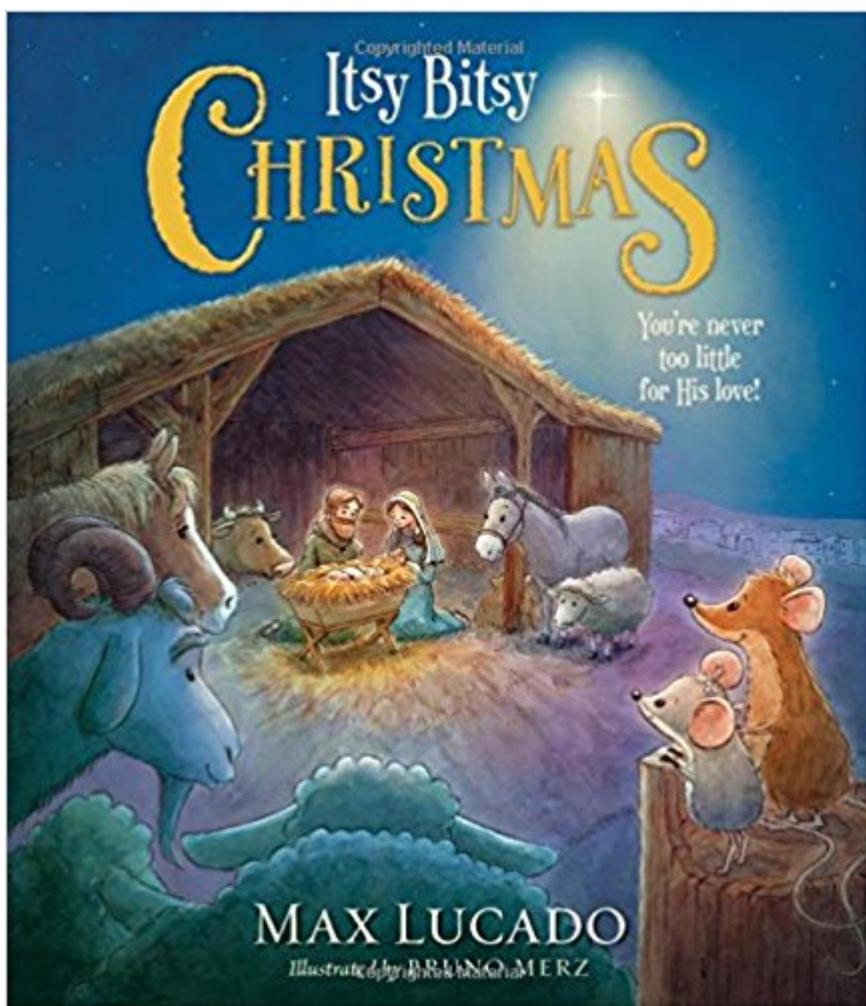


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# Itsy Bitsy Christmas: You're Never Too Little For His Love



## Synopsis

You're never too little for His love! Do you ever feel like you are too small or too ordinary? That's how Itsy and Bitsy feel. When these two charming little mice hear that a King is coming to Bethlehem, they run to find Him. But they can't find the King, and other animals discourage them. "Don't even try," they say. "The King doesn't care about little ones like us." Itsy and Bitsy are just about to give up when something amazing happens. Crafted by master storyteller Max Lucado, *Itsy Bitsy Christmas* helps children understand God's great love and know that He sent His Son, the King of kings, for all of us—little or big, young or old.

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1-Itsy and Bitsy have never seen Bethlehem so busy. When Daniel the donkey tells them that there is a King coming into the city, the mice siblings are determined to find him despite being scoffed at by the animals that share their stable. Their journey through the streets, hotels, and the market is depicted in a way that loosely mirrors Mary and Joseph's search for lodging. Exhausted at the end of the day, they return home to find that their stable is THE stable, where the newborn baby Jesus exudes love for even the smallest of creatures. It's a sweet enough message, made more

precious by the cartoon illustrations, though the story brings nothing new to the "Nativity through the eyes of the stable animals" genre.-Joanna Fabicon, Los Angeles Public Library © Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

With more than 130 million products in print, Max Lucado is America's bestselling inspirational author. He serves the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Denalyn, and their mischievous mutt, Andy.

I love Christmas and was delighted to come across this beautifully illustrated (by Bruno Merz) and wonderfully narrated book by Max Lucado. It is a wonderful story of love, determination, and a sense of belonging. It features two little mice who find themselves in the possession of some good news: The King is coming to Bethlehem. The trouble is, no one seems to believe them. How many times have you and I encountered something similar? Our good news quickly turns into doubt, discouragement, or disappointment when shared with others. This simple and delightful hardcover book sheds light on many important lessons for those both young and young-at-heart: Some people need to see in order to believe while true faith is believing before we see it. (Hebrews 11:1) Good news has no expiry date. Unconditional Love is just that. It's unconditional. It doesn't matter how young or old, big or small, happy or grumpy, etc., true unconditional love is present and offered no matter what. One of my favourite parts of the book is when the mice go looking for the King and they search all the places they think a King would be unbeknownst to them that the King they are looking for is unlike any other king. They look for Him in the main street where busy people rush around, a hotel where sleepy people spend their time resting, and a city market where business people work all day. In all three circumstances, there's the line "Lots of busy people/sleepy people/working people, but no King." In the end, the mice see their King in the very stable with all of their friends-the ones who laughed at them, doubted them, and the one who was cranky. It's a heart warming reminder that Jesus is found in the most unlikely places with the most unlikely people. It's the true testament of a love that is unconditional. "It's Bitsy Christmas" is a beautiful rendition of the Christmas story-a story that never gets old. "You're never too little for His love!"-Max Lucado

Very sweet little Christmas book. My kids (4 and 5) loved it.

Very cute story

Such an adorable story. Beautifully illustrated. It's a story your children will enjoy year round but especially at Christmas. Just the right length for about 4yrs and up. Would make a great traditional read for the whole family.

I read this to my 4 1/2 year-old grandson a few days before Christmas and he enjoyed it a lot. Animals are always an attraction for preschoolers. Max Lucado has such a talent to teach and relate to all ages.

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this book! I accidentally ordered two, but I'll keep both so that both kids have a copy. This story is so beautiful about how Jesus came for us all, even the smallest ones. Such a great story for kids to know that He came for them, as well. Even the animals who were grumpy/skeptical are loved. We read this all the time, not just at Christmas.

Wonderful story and beautifully illustrated for younger children. Anything that Max writes is of excellent quality. The book is sturdy and will last a child a long time. Would highly recommend.

This book was a Christmas gift for my granddaughter age 2 1/2 years. She loves and can read some books. This book was suggested by my boyfriends Mother!

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