

I am always interested in different kinds of nativity sets. As a child, I would hold the different figurines in my hand and wonder which figure I identified with the most.

When I was young, I identified with baby Jesus—I liked babies. As I grew, I found that I took interest in the shepherd boy. I liked that he was present at the birth of Jesus but was able to observe everything from the background and take it all in.

Now that I am a little older, I seem to identify with the Angel. I like to imagine receiving the message from God to deliver to Mary, and I like being the messenger.

I wonder which figurine I will identify with as I grow older. Perhaps Joseph, or even Mary, when I become a parent?

Maybe I will identify with the innkeeper if I ever get greedy, or even if I feel bad for a homeless person.