

***HELD BY HIS HAND***  
**ADVENT SERIES: GOD LOVED FIRST**

*We love because he first loved us.*

I John 4.19 (NIV)

*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God....*

I John 4.16<sup>b</sup> (NIV)

**Abstract:** Whatever affection we feel, whatever kindness we do...it's all because the One who made us is the fount of true love. The Christmas story teaches us the love of God that sent Jesus as a sacrifice for sin. As new-born creatures in Christ, we are *Loving God! Loving You!* only because God first loved us.

**Your notes and comments:**

*Father of heaven, whose love profound  
A ransom for our souls hath found,  
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;  
To us Thy pardoning love extend.*  
Edward Cooper, *Father of Heaven*