A Bible Story



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The Lost Sheep

A parable about God's love for every person.



Jesus Welcomed Everyone

Many people came near to Jesus to hear Him. Some religious leaders complained because Jesus kindly welcomed those they considered sinners and ate with them.



A Story to Think About

Then Jesus told them a parable: “What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, what would he do?”



One Hundred Sheep

The shepherd cared for a flock of one hundred sheep. He led them to good pasture, brought them to water, and watched so that none would wander away.



One Was Missing

When the shepherd counted the sheep, he discovered that there were only ninety-nine. One had been lost. To him, that single sheep was very important.



The Ninety-Nine

The shepherd left the ninety-nine sheep together in the field and went to look for the one that was lost. He decided to search until he found it.



Searching for It

The shepherd walked over rocky paths, climbed hills, and looked among the bushes. Even though the way was difficult, he kept searching patiently.



The Shepherd Called

Again and again, the shepherd called for his sheep. He stopped to listen carefully, hoping to hear an answer among the hills.



He Found It!

At last he heard a soft bleat. There was the sheep, alone and frightened among some plants beside the rocks. The shepherd was overjoyed to see it.



With Great Tenderness

The shepherd did not scold it. He approached slowly, freed it from the branches, and made sure it was all right. Then he lifted it very carefully.



On His Shoulders

Filled with joy, the shepherd placed the sheep on his shoulders. He carried it back himself, safe and protected all the way.



Back with the Flock

When he returned, the ninety-nine sheep were there. The little lost sheep was again with the others, and the shepherd was happy.



Rejoice with Me

The shepherd gathered his friends and neighbors and said, “Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.” They all shared his joy.



Joy in Heaven

Jesus explained that just as the shepherd rejoiced, there is joy in heaven when a person repents and returns to God. No one is forgotten by Him.