

The Good Shepherd

Jesus loved to share his wisdom with people by telling stories. One of the stories he told was about a shepherd.

The shepherd had one hundred sheep, and he loved every single one of them and took very good care of them. He made sure they had plenty of food and water, and when the wild wolves came he chased them away from his sheep.

One day one of the sheep got lost. He counted his sheep but only got to ninety-nine. The shepherd was very sad.

So he went out looking for the lost sheep. He looked down by the stream and up in the mountains. Then finally, he heard the sheep crying. It had caught its foot in some wire and couldn't get free.



The shepherd carefully removed the sheep's foot from the wire, then picked the sheep up in his arms and carried it all the way home. He was filled with joy that he had found the lost sheep, and he rejoiced.

The shepherd was a very good shepherd. He loved his sheep, and his sheep loved him.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are his sheep. He wants to take care of us. He doesn't want any of us to get lost, but if we do he comes searching for us to save us and bring us home.

Jesus wants to lead us to the home that God the Father has prepared for us in heaven.

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