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"The Lost Sheep is Rescued" Bible Stories for Kids

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What

In this story of the lost sheep, we join in the silly antics of some sheep waiting while their Shepherd does whatever it takes to bring home a lost one from their flock.

Themes: The Good Shepherd, Jesus' Love, Bible Story, Parable

Who

Narrator

Shepherd Sheep 98 Sheep 99 Sheep 100

When

Bible Times

Wear (Props)

To keep it simple, Sheep can wear headbands with sheep ears on them and paint their noses black. To take it up a notch, they can wear white with black gloves and socks to look even more like sheep. They can also wear signs around their neck that says their number (98, 99, 100).

The Shepherd can wear a Bible-times robe.

Clipboard

Sound- Macarena song

Why

Luke 15

How

The Narrator speaks directly to the audience possibly seated on a stool. You can use adults or kids to perform this skit. To include more kids, simply add more sheep to be on stage.

Time

Approximately 4 minutes

Lights up. **Sheep** and **Shepherd** are in place, with **Sheep** on the ground and **Shepherd** standing in the middle of them. The **Narrator** is standing to the side of them.

Narrator: There was once a shepherd who had one hundred sheep.

Shepherd enters counting and checking off on his clipboard.

Shepherd: (voice offstage counting) Ninety-Two, Ninety-Three, Ninety-Four. Check. Check. Check. (entering and turning to look offstage and counting Sheep he sees offstage.) Ninety-five, ninety-six...and...I see you over there! You can't hide from me! Ninety-Seven. (writing on clipboard) Check, check and check! (Turning to see Sheep 98 & Sheep 99) And here you two are. (patting their heads as he counts) Ninety-Eight. Check. Ninety-Nine. Check. But... (looking around and not

finding who he's looking for) Where's One Hundred?

Sheep 98: Haven't seen him.

Sheep 99: Yeah. He was with us but while we were grazing, he must have

wandered off.

Shepherd: Hmmm. I wonder where he could have gone. I really don't like when

one of my sheep get lost.

Sheep 98: He'll probably come back.

Sheep 99: He might be lost and not know *how* to come back.

Shepherd: (starting to leave) I have to go find him.

Sheep 98: But it's getting dark outside. And cold.

Sheep 99: And there might be wolves or bears or something out there that could

hurt you.

Shepherd: That's *exactly* why I have to go. I don't want any of my sheep to be lost

in the dark and cold and at the mercy of wild animals. You guys stay here and watch out for each other. It's safe here and I'll be back once I

find my little lost sheep.

Awkward long pause as they wait.

Sheep 98: Y'know, that sheep has probably just wandered off and forgotten the

time. He'll be back soon, I'm sure.

Sheep 99: I hope so.

Another long pause.

Sheep 99: I sure hope he's not hurt and feeling alone and scared being all by

himself.

Sheep 98: I'm glad we have such a kind Shepherd who looks after us and will

come and find us when we're lost.

Another even longer pause. They are beginning to show signs of worry.

Sheep 99: What if something really bad happened to him like, he fell down a cliff and broke his fluffy tail, or he got chased by a wolf into a deep dark cave and can't escape, or he...

Sheep 98: Or he was kidnapped by traveling circus folk and stuffed into a cage and forced to perform on a high wire wearing big shoes ten sizes too big for him, a red clown nose and dance the macarena!

Sheep 99: That's crazy. (pause. He's confused.) What's the macarena?

Sheep 99: You know. (singing and doing the motions) dum dah dah dum diddy dum diddy doo dah! Dum dah dah dum diddy dum diddy doo dah! Heeeeey Maca—!

He's cut short by **Sheep 98**'s exclamation and the entrance of the **Sheepherd** carrying in, if possible, **Sheep 100**

Sheep 98: They're back!

Rushing to them **Sheep 98** and **Sheep 99** hover next to them as the **Shepherd** puts **Sheep 100** down and covers him in a warm blanket and tends to him.

Sheep 99: We were so worried about you!

Sheep 98: Did you get trapped in a cave?

Sheep 99: Did the dark make you scared?

Sheep 98: Were you hurt?

Sheep 99: Did you fall?

Sheep 98: Were there wolves?

Sheep 99: Were there snakes?

Sheep 98: Were there bears?

Sheep 99: Did they make you do the macarena?

Sheep 100: The what?

Sheep 98: You know...

98 & 99: (singing and doing the motions together in perfect unison) dum dah

dah dum diddy dum diddy doo dah! Dum dah dah dum diddy dum

diddy doo dah! Heeeeey Maca—!

Sheep 100: (cutting them off abruptly) No. I just wandered too far. I got lost. I was

scared. Scared of all kinds of things but then...then I heard our Shepherd calling for me. I knew I was going to be ok. *(looking at the Shepherd)* You came for me. I was lost and you found me. I was so scared and alone and couldn't find my way back by myself and you

rescued me. How can I ever thank you for saving me?

Sheep 98: (looking at the **Shepherd**, noticing the toll it has taken) Hey, you're

hurt. Are you ok?

Shepherd: I'll be ok.

Sheep 99: But your clothes are all torn, and you're dirty and sweaty.

Sheep 98: And you have cuts all over you.

Sheep 100: (to the Shepherd) You had to go through a lot to come get me, didn't

you?

Shepherd: I would go through much worse to save *any* of my sheep. (wrapping

his arms around all the **Sheep** in a big group hug) I love you guys. I would do whatever I have to do to bring you safely home. That's why I'm here. I'm your Shepherd. I'll always watch out for you and fight to

keep you safe with me.

Sheep 98: Well, now that we're all safe, maybe we should celebrate!

Sheep 99: Yeah!

Shepherd: What did you have in mind?

Sheep 98, Sheep 99 and Sheep 100 look at one another with a knowing glance and then bust out singing and doing the motions in perfect unison to the macarena.

All Sheep: dum dah dah dum diddy dum diddy doo dah! Dum dah dah dum

diddy dum diddy doo dah! Heeeeey Macarena!

They continue to sing the song as they exit offstage. The **Shepherd** joins them in their singing and dancing.

Narrator: That Shepherd sure did go through a lot to bring just one sheep back

home showing that he must really care for all his sheep. I know that lost sheep was probably forever grateful to have such a wonderful

Shepherd watching out for him. And we have a pretty wonderful Shepherd watching out for us too! In the Bible Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. And we're like his sheep that he loves very much. And we know, because of what Jesus has done for us, that he will do whatever it takes to bring us home if we ever get lost. He loves us so much, he was willing to give everything he had to save us...even his own life. Jesus loves us so much that he gave up his life for our lives! Wow. That is one Good Shepherd we have! Maybe we should celebrate Jesus' great love for us, His sheep, in a special way.

The **Narrator** pauses then breaks out into singing and dancing the macarena encouraging the audience to follow suit.

Exit

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