



**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**The Lost Sheep**



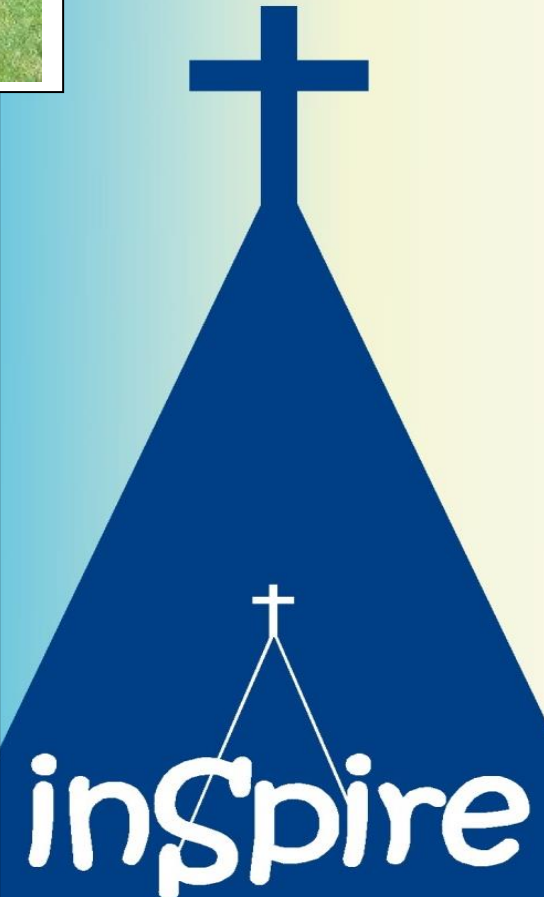
**Hello everyone! We hope you are all well and that for those of you who have returned to school and Nursery School, everything is going well.**

**Today's story is such a lovely one and tells us how God loves each one of us very, very much. You don't have to do all this today, you can always save some things to do in the week if you want!**

**How many of you have walked through farms this year and seen the sheep and lambs? All farmers know their sheep really well and know exactly how many lambs there are. They are always very upset if a fox or bird of prey catches one of the baby lambs.**

**Jesus told this story to help us understand just how much God loves and cares for us. You might like to act it out or take turns reading it.....**

**There once a farmer who had a fine flock of sheep. He knew every sheep in his flock and even gave them names. What names do you think he gave them? Think**



of three names each. ....

Those are great names!!! Good job!

Every night he would call his sheepdog, Squirrel (Yes! That's a very funny name for a sheep dog isn't it!) and gather all his sheep and lambs together and bring them to the sheep pen to keep them safe. As the sheep went into the pen he would count them to make sure all one hundred sheep were there ..... safe and sound.

Shall we count with him? .....

One two, three, four, five, ..... ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine .....

Oh No! Oh dear! What's happened? Has he counted wrongly? Why are there not one hundred? The farmer counts again....

One two, three, four, five, ..... ninety-nine .....

The farmer feels his heart racing. He is upset and worried. Which of his lovely sheep is missing? He looks at each of his sheep and because he knows them so well, he spots that one of the lambs, Maisy, is missing. Where could she possibly be?

**The farmer sets out with Squirrel (remember, he's a dog!) and searches far and wide across his land. Maisy can't be found anywhere. But just as the farmer is starting to give up hope and think about returning to the sheep pen, he hears a very faint bleating sound. The farmer is walking through a dark wood, on a high path. The path runs along the top of a steep drop down to a little stream and there at the bottom, stuck in a bush, the farmer sees Maisy!**

**"You silly little lamb!" thinks the farmer. "You must have strayed off the path and look where that's got you!" Squirrel barks and the farmer calls down, "Don't worry Maisy! We're coming to get you!"**

**It is difficult to clamber down the steep bank, through the trees and the stinging nettles but the farmer doesn't hesitate! He is overjoyed to see Maisy and he wants to rescue her and bring her home. He manages to free her from the fence, he scoops her up and puts her on his shoulders. He then climbs back up the steep bank, through the stinging nettles and the trees and when he reaches the path, they head for home, Maisy on the farmer's shoulders.**

**You should have heard all the sheep when Maisy trotted in to the pen; what a happy sound of bleating! They were all overjoyed! And the farmer was so overjoyed that he called all his friends and neighbours to have a party to celebrate Maisy being found!**

**Jesus said that just as the farmer knows and cares for his sheep, God cares knows and cares for each one of us. God will do anything to keep us close to him because, like the farmer, that's just where he wants us to be!**

**Watch one of these Youtube videos :**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyWZeOlaRo4> This is very lovely.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZGRubkzUHw> this one is great, although a little scary as it has a wolf in it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry2MaMyvGo> This one is from Saddleback Kids. You may have watched some of these videos before.

## Discuss together

**Have you ever been lost? What did it feel like?**

**How did your parents feel?**

**What happened and how were you found?**

**How did your parents feel when they had found you?**

**Tie this in with how God feels about us when sometimes we are not so close to Him. In what ways might we not be close to him? How can we get closer again?**

## Get Creative

**Make sheep masks and act out the story.**



**Make a sheep from a paper plate and cotton wool  
Put it somewhere where it can remind you of the story.  
There are lots of lovely ideas online!**



**Or make a collage of lots of sheep and write the words : Be happy! God loves you!  
If you're feeling ambitious you could make a big picture collage of the whole story!**

**Make a friendship bracelet out of string or wool or embroidery threads. You can plait the wool or go online and find more complicated designs to do if you're feeling creative!  
Wear it and remember that Jesus is our friend and always will be.**



**Silly game!** Blow up balloons and draw sheep face on them. Set up a sheep pen. The object is to get your sheep into the pen! Use a tennis bat (or a rolled up newspaper) to try and “bat” the sheep into the pen. Take care, they might run off by blowing away!

You could play in teams and set a time limit.

**Song time** 😊 😊

This Lost sheep song is a very catchy one. You could work out some dance moves to it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTEhrNel6Rg>

Or **Our god is Great Big God** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaXPXWBcE3I> is always a favourite!

Or there's **God's Love is Very Wonderful!** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaMVjO\\_GruA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaMVjO_GruA)

**Let's have some chat time with God.**

**Sit comfortably so you can tell God what you are thinking.** Maybe Mum or dad might lead your thoughts.....

Tell God about a time when you felt frightened. ....

Thank God that he is always there for us when we feel like this.....

Tell God about your best friend..... And why your best friend makes you feel happy.....

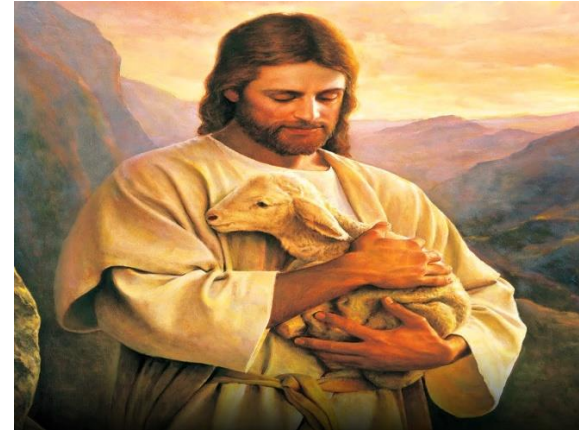
Ask God to help you be a good friend to your friends at school, your brothers and sister, and your cousins.

Then let's say, **Thank you God that care for each one of us and always love us. Amen.**

**You might like to say the Lord's prayer together as a family.**

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**Jesus is often thought of as the Good Shepherd. Why do you think this is? Lots off artists have painted pictures of him as the Good Shepherd, carrying sheep. Here are some. Which one do you like best? Think about why do you like that one the best?**



Maybe you'd like to colour one of the outlines below?





**Have a wonderful day and hopefully we'll have a Zoom Sunday's Cool soooooon!!**

**With love and blessings**

**Hilary and the Sunday's Cool team.**