

Story 9 : The Lost Sheep

Main Bible verse
[Luke 15:7]

I tell you, it will be the same in heaven. There will be great joy when one sinner turns away from sin. Yes, there will be more joy than for 99 godly people who do not need to turn away from their sins.

Many people liked Jesus' stories, so they followed Him wherever He went.

But there were also many who did not like Jesus hanging out with sinners. And so Jesus told these people a story! A long time ago there was a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. This shepherd loved and deeply cared for his sheep. When it was time to return home from the field, the shepherd counted his sheep. No matter how many times he counted, the number of the shepherd's sheep was ninety-nine. The shepherd was very worried about his missing sheep. He was so worried that he searched for the sheep everywhere. The night grew deep. The shepherd frantically searched for the lost sheep, but he did not give up and continued to search for his lost sheep. Then! He heard a sound. The shepherd ran in the direction of the sound! The lost sheep was hanging off the edge of a cliff. The poor sheep was wet and shaking in fear. The shepherd saved the sheep. He happily put the sheep on his shoulders and returned home. When the shepherd returned home, he joyfully called out to his wife and children.

"I found the lost sheep! I found it!!! Let's gather everyone for a party! Hahahaha." Jesus spoke to the people.

"If you had lost a sheep and found it again, wouldn't you be happy? In the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. God does not want to lose anyone." Jesus told another story about a shepherd and his sheep.

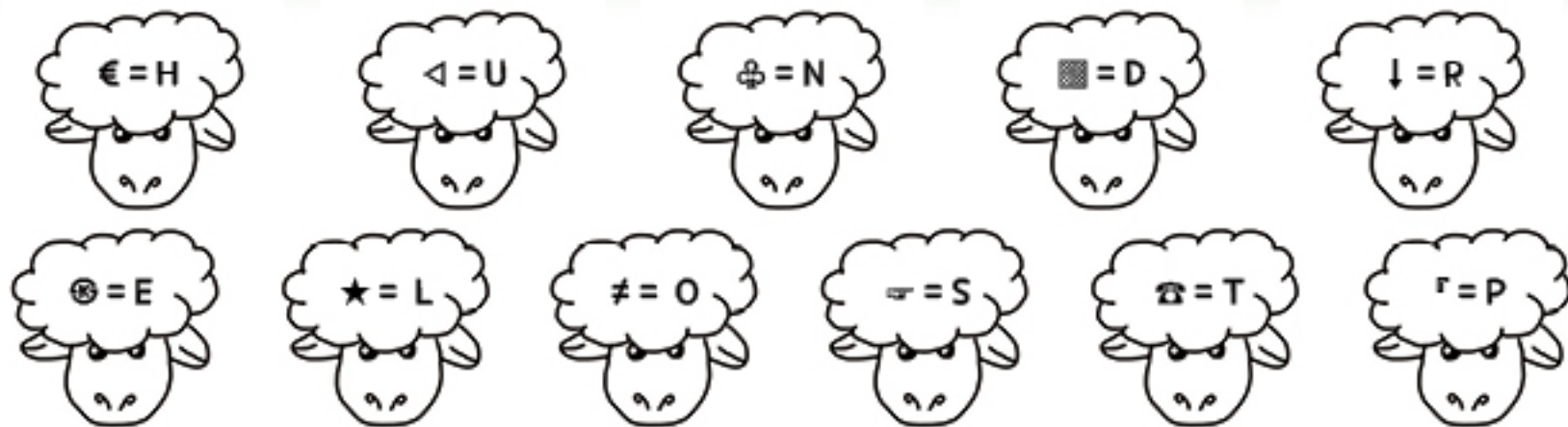
"A good shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep also knows the sound of its shepherd's voice and follows him. But when the sheep runs away at the sight of a stranger, a good shepherd never runs away and fights the wild beast that seeks to hurt his sheep. A good shepherd always protects his sheep."

Jesus told the people that He would give His own life to protect and keep His sheep safe.



Activity 1.

Discover the answers by replacing the symbols with letters.



a. How many sheep did the shepherd have? € - < - ☼ - ■ - ↓ - ⊗ - ■ _____

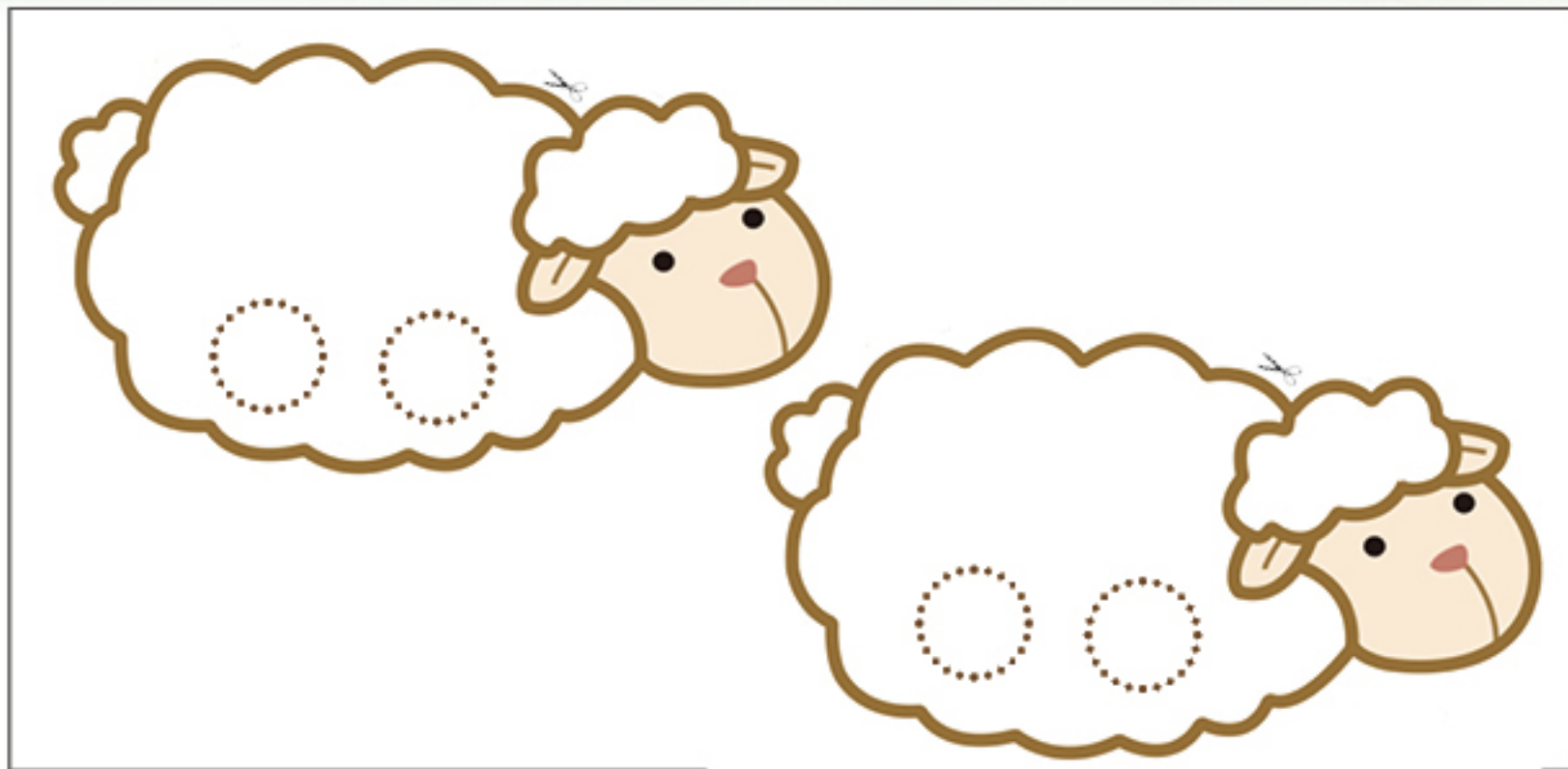
b. What happened to one of the sheep? ★ - ≠ - ⇐ - ☒ _____

c. Read Luke 15:7 and answer: What does one sinner do that makes heaven rejoice?

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Activity 2.

Make the finger puppets by cutting out the sheep and their holes. Then glue cotton on them.



- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Luke 15:7)

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