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# The Lost Sheep

—9th Story—

**Narration** Many people liked Jesus' stories and so they followed Him wherever He went. But there were also many who did not like Jesus.

**Person 1** Jesus is strange!

**Person 2** I agree, he hangs out and eats with sinners~ that's just not right!

**Narration** And so Jesus told these people a story!

**Narration** 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,

**Shepherd** OK, let's see~ one, two, three...twenty, thirty, forty... ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine... Oh? Wait, let me count again..., one, two, three... ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine... one of the sheep is missing!!

**Narration** No matter how many times he counted, the number of the shepherd's sheep was ninety-nine.

**Shepherd** Hmm? Where is the hundredth sheep?

**Narration** The shepherd was very worried about his missing sheep. He was so worried that he searched for the sheep everywhere.

**Narration** 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.

**Lost Sheep** Baa, Baa~~~

**Narration** 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.

**Shepherd** Here you are! Oh, how frightened you must have been. Don't be afraid now~ I am here to save you!! Heave~ho~

**Narration** The shepherd saved the sheep. He happily put the sheep on his shoulders and returned home.



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**Narration** Jesus spoke to the people.

**J e s u s** 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.

**Narration** Jesus told another story about a shepherd and his sheep.

**J e s u s** 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.

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



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