

## **“Left Behind”**

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<b>What</b>	When the shepherd leaves the flock to go look for lost sheep, one of the lambs complains that it's too dangerous for the shepherd to leave the flock behind until he discovers that he was once lost, too.
	<b>Themes:</b> Parable of the Lost Sheep, Trusting God, Caring for Each Other
<b>Who</b>	Sheep 1 Sheep 2
<b>When</b>	Present
<b>Wear (Props)</b>	Sheep can be dressed as sheep, or just wearing ball caps with long black ears, or just be wearing signs that say sheep, or be dressed in stage black.
<b>Why</b>	Luke 15:        1-7
<b>How</b>	This works better if it's memorized. Ham up your sheep-ness! Keep the energy up being careful not to let the dialogue drag.
<b>Time</b>	Approximately 4 minutes

*Lights up. Sheep 1 and Sheep 2 are looking off in the distance, watching the Shepherd walking away.*

Sheep 1: *(moaning)* BAAAA! There He goes, again.

Sheep 2: Yes, isn't it exciting?

Sheep 1: That's not what I call it.

Sheep 2: Okay. How about marvelous?

Sheep 1: No

Sheep 2: Reassuring?

Sheep 1: No

Sheep 2: Inspiring?

Sheep 1: No

Sheep 2: Well, then what would you call it?

Sheep 1: Scary.

Sheep 2: How is the Shepherd going after a lost lamb scary?

Sheep 1: He's leaving me behind.

Sheep 2: So? He's leaving you with the flock.

Sheep 1: What if the wolf comes before he gets BAAAA-ck?

Sheep 2: That's not gonna happen.

Sheep 1: How do you know?

Sheep 2: Well, I don't, but I trust the Shepherd.

Sheep 1: I do, too...when I can see Him. But I can't see Him, now. *(puts hands above eyes, looks around, startles, and points)* Oh!

Sheep 2: *(a bit frightened)* What is it?

Sheep 1: Right over there!

Sheep 2: *(hand over eyes, peering)* Where?

Sheep 1: Boo!

Sheep 2: *(jumps)* Stop pulling the wool over my eyes.

Sheep 1: See? When the Shepherd's gone, it's scary.

Sheep 2: I was a little scared. But, seriously, as long as we stay with the flock, we'll be fine. That's why He put us all together.

Sheep 1: Okay, so we are safe from wolves if we stay together, but do you remember the last time He went looking for a lost one?

Sheep 2: *(with joy)* Yeah, he brought back six more than the one he went after.

Sheep 1: *(angry)* Exactly my point. They were dirty and didn't know how to share the grass. I hated it.

Sheep 2: *(quietly)* I didn't.

Sheep 1: Don't you remember how some of them tried to run away and take our lambs with them? I think the Shepherd should only go after the members of the flock. He should never bring new sheep in. It's too dangerous for us.

Sheep 2: I think maybe it's time I told you something.

Sheep 1: Are you changing the subject?

Sheep 2: No, you're old enough to know it now.

Sheep 1: *(fearfully)* This sounds BAAAA-d.

Sheep 2: I'm not who you think I am.

Sheep 1: *(draws back)* I knew it. I knew it would happen one day while the Shepherd was gone. You're a *(real fear)* wolf in sheep's clothing.

Sheep 2: Don't be ridiculous.

Sheep 1: That's just what a wolf in sheep's clothing would say. *(holding up hands)* STAY BAAAA-CK! *(calling loudly)* BAAAAA BAAAAA FLOCK COME SAVE ME!!!

Sheep 2: Stop being ridiculous. Here, pull on my wool.

Sheep 1: *(yanks on Sheep 2's sleeve)*

**Sheep 2:** OUCH! See, I am not a wolf. But I am also not who you think I am.

**Sheep 1:** You're not a sheep?

**Sheep 2:** I am, but I am also a lost one.

**Sheep 1:** No, you're not. You've always been here, and you know the Shepherd, and everyone looks to you for leadership.

**Sheep 2:** I'm not a lost one, now. The Shepherd found me years ago. I was a wreck. My parents ran away from the Shepherd and hid whenever He came to look for them. One day they were eaten by the wolves, but I escaped. The Shepherd found me wandering around and truthfully, after being on my own for so long, I didn't want to come with Him. But he was so persistent that, eventually, I came. I didn't want to be here at first. I had gotten used to taking care of myself. I didn't think I needed any other sheep to help me. But the flock was so patient with me and taught me how to trust the Shepherd.

**Sheep 1:** Well, that's great, but it could have gone the other way. You could have led some of the other lambs off.

**Sheep 2:** It's a risk worth taking.

**Sheep 1:** I'll never agree with you.

**Sheep 2:** *(quietly)* You don't remember do you?

**Sheep 1:** Remember what?

**Sheep 2:** It makes sense. You were so young.

**Sheep 1:** What are you talking about?

**Sheep 2:** You were a lost one, too.

**Sheep 1:** No, I wasn't.

**Sheep 2:** *(reverently)* We were all lost sheep.

**Sheep 1:** All of us?

**Sheep 2:** All of us. Some of us, like you, were brought into the flock so early that they don't even remember being lost. And others were part of the flock, but then wandered off and got lost, so the Shepherd had to go look for them. And some of us, like me, well we didn't even know we needed the flock until we'd been with the Shepherd for a while.

Sheep 1: That's awful

Sheep 2: No, it's wonderful.

Sheep 1: I meant that's awe-full! It makes me full of awe. That the Shepherd loves all of his sheep and wants them in the flock. Come on. Let's go find some. They need the Shepherd.

Sheep 2: If we go look for lost sheep, we could get lost, too.

Sheep 1: But we won't.

Sheep 2: How do you know we won't.

Sheep 1: We'll take the whole flock with us.