

a script from

# **231** WORSHIP

## **"My Kind of Shepherd"**

By  
Dave Tippett

- What** In this easy to stage, fun and meaningful skit, a shepherd thinks they've hit on an idea on how to better manage their flock... by literally speaking their language. Their friend tries to convince them that a true shepherd works to make sure the flock hears their genuine voice, so when the flock wanders, they'll respond to the one they can trust to get them home.
- Themes: Christmas, Christmas Eve, Trust, Jesus as Shepherd, Comedy
- Who** Shepherd 1  
Shepherd 2
- When** A week or two after the birth of Jesus
- Costumes** Period clothing
- Props** Fake campfire
- Why** John 10:11,14
- How** Place campfire downstage center. Web search "how to make a prop campfire for stage" and you'll see a number of easy-to-follow instructional videos.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

At curtain, **Shepherd One** and **Shepherd Two** are by the campfire.

**Shepherd 1:** Beautiful night, no?

**Shepherd 2:** Got that right. *(pause)* Still thinking about that baby we saw.

**Shepherd 1:** Yeah, the angels, then the baby in the manger, the compliant sheep, amazing stuff.

**Shepherd 2:** Kind of encouraged me to, I don't know, do better.

**Shepherd 1:** Whadda mean?

**Shepherd 2:** Well, like.... *(big intake of breath, then lets it out like the bleating of a sheep)* Baaaaaaa!

**Shepherd 1:** *(startled)* What are you doing?!

**Shepherd 2:** It's my new plan.

**Shepherd 1:** Uh oh.

**Shepherd 2:** *(ignoring)* You see, I've been thinking about how to best handle these sheep. To do better.

**Shepherd 1:** *(highly skeptical)* Uh huh.

**Shepherd 2:** See, we need to get into their minds more. Think like them, you know?

**Shepherd 1:** You're scaring me.

**Shepherd 2:** So, I've started to talk to them. Talk *like* them. To communicate that I'm one of them, so I can get them to cooperate better.

**Shepherd 1:** *(sarcastic)* Oh, of course.

**Shepherd 2:** I've got several bleats. There's the *(air quotes)* "Hey, what's up" one. Goes like this. *(does a short bleat)*

**Shepherd 1:** Ummm...

**Shepherd 2:** Then there this one *(does three short bleats, then three long ones)* That says *(air quotes)* "I hear you and respect your point of view."

**Shepherd 1:** Can I interject-

**Shepherd 2:** *(ignoring, then does a long-sustained bleat)* Do you know what that one is saying to them?

**Shepherd 1:** Can you go find me a good psychiatrist?

**Shepherd 2:** *(ignoring again)* It's *(air quotes)* : "Let's all go down to the well in an orderly manner, and drink and then casually eat grass and think about one positive thing you can share with the rest of the flock" *(pause, enthusiastic, looking at Shepherd 1)* Huh? Huh?

**Shepherd 1:** Um, just tell me you're not doing this while wearing wool and down on all fours.

**Shepherd 2:** What? That would be ridiculous!

**Shepherd 1:** *(sarcastic)* Oh, *that* would be ridiculous.

**Shepherd 2:** *(frustrated)* Well, I'm just trying to see how we can do this *(waves around)* better. So sue me.

**Shepherd 1:** *(softer voice now)* You're overthinking this. Yes, sheep need a shepherd that they know.

**Shepherd 2:** That's what-

**Shepherd 1:** *(interrupts)* And they just need you to be, well, you.

**Shepherd 2:** Huh?

**Shepherd 1:** Be kind. Speak softly, unless they start to wander, then let them hear your voice clearly. Go after the lost ones, even if it's just one. Watch for wolves and even be willing to lay down your life to save theirs. Those kinds of things.

**Shepherd 2:** Hmm. I guess if I was a sheep, I'd want to follow that kind of shepherd.

**Shepherd 1:** You see? Maybe that can be your *(air quotes)* "do better".

**Shepherd 2:** *(quiet)* Yeah. Thanks. And you know what, those sheep in that stable *were* compliant, right?

**Shepherd 1:** Well, it was quiet and I think they just-

**Shepherd 2:** *(ignoring)* Maybe they knew there was a shepherd already there. Before *we* got there.

**Shepherd 1:** *(pause, thinking)* The angel said the baby was special.

**Shepherd 2:** *(pause, then)* Messiah.

**Shepherd 1:** Savior.

**Both:** *(in unison, as a revelation)* Shepherd.

**Shepherd 2:** Yeah. *(both are quiet for a few beats, contemplating the moment, then **Shepherd 2** does three rapid bleats, then four long ones, then three rapid ones)*

**Shepherd 1:** *(startled)* What, this again? *(sighs)* OK, what did you say?

**Shepherd 2:** *(air quotes)* "This shepherd will never leave you."

**Shepherd 1:** *(touched)* Wow, that's really-

**Shepherd 2:** *(finishing, air quotes)* "Unless the whole wolf thing comes up of course."

**Shepherd 1:** Wait, what-

**Shepherd 2:** Kidding! Kidding! *(gesturing around)* They know my sense of humor.

**Shepherd 1:** *(a bit sarcastic)* Lucky them. Let me know when you put on the wool. I want to draw a picture. *(starts to exit)*. And by the way *(does a short, comical bleat towards **Shepherd 2**)*.

**Shepherd 2:** Hey, now you're talking! *(he bleats back and they bleat back and forth as the exit)*

*Both exit.*

*Curtain.*