

A script from



“Parable of the Lost Sheep”

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- What** A little lamb keeps getting distracted and won't listen to the Shepherd. But when she gets lost, the Shepherd is right there to rescue her from danger.
Themes: Rebellion, Grace, Love
- Who** Sheep- 2 or more (it's fun to use children for this!)
Lost lamb
Coyote
Wolf
Shepherd
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** **Sheep**-1 black ball cap per sheep covered with cotton batting to resemble sheep heads. The addition of black floppy felt ears is nice. Each sheep has a fleece--1 piece of white felt cut to 6" x 24"
Lost lamb-One white toboggan covered with batting to resemble a sheep head. This one should have white ears and the cotton batting should be attached so that some of it can be pulled down in front of the sheep's eyes
Coyote-One brown ball cap covered in fake fur with pointy ears glued on; canvas bag labeled "Acme Sheep Costumes" with a sheep fleece (see above) inside
Wolf-One gray ball cap covered in fake fur with pointy ears glued on
Shepherd-A black ball cap with a piece of material hanging from the back to resemble a shepherd's head-piece, a shepherd's crook
- Why** Luke 15: 3-7
- How** The stage is bare except for a chair off on one side. All of the Sheep and Shepherd are off stage on one side. The Wolf and Coyote are on the other.
- Time** Approximately 6 minutes

Narrator: Once upon a time there was a Shepherd who loved his sheep. Most of his sheep followed him faithfully, except for one lamb. This lamb was constantly distracted. When the Shepherd led the sheep to green pastures, that lamb got lost chasing butterflies through the thistles.

Shepherd walks from stage left across with Sheep, but Lost Lamb wanders elsewhere then runs to catch up.

When the Shepherd found still water the sheep all had a clean refreshing drink except for the little lamb.

Shepherd crosses again from stage right and again the Lost Lamb is way behind.

By the time she caught up, there was nothing left but a muddy puddle. The sheep all lived in the Valley of the Shadow, but they were safe because the wolves and coyotes were afraid of the Shepherd.

Wolf: *(entering from stage right with Coyote)* So then I hid under the covers. I had Little Red Riding Hood fooled until she saw my big teeth, he he he.

Coyote: I can't believe that little girl thought you were her grandmother. You must be pretty good with disguises. Hey, I've got an idea. Since you're so good at dressing up to fool people, why don't you dress up like a sheep and try to trick some of those sheep into following you *(points to Sheep)*.

Wolf: No way! That Shepherd is too powerful. Let's go find somewhere else to hunt.

Coyote: Hey, you're right, but I do know where we can find a tasty road-runner.

They exit stage right.

Narrator: One day, in late spring, the shepherd realized it was time to shear the sheep, so he called them all in.

Shepherd enters from stage left and stops midway to call sheep. They all run up except the Lamb.

Shepherd: *(counting)* 97, 98, 99... where is number 100? Hey have any of you sheep seen number 100? She needs to be sheared.

Sheep: Naaaaaa!

Shepherd: *(pointing at Lamb who has lagged behind)* There she is. Come on little lamb it's time to be sheared.

Sheep: Naaaaaa, I like my wool the way it is.

Shepherd: You don't understand. If you don't get sheared your wool will grow over your eyes and you won't be able to see the wolf or coyote sneaking up on you.

Sheep: Naaaaaa. I don't believe you. I've never seen wolves or coyotes around here. They only exist in cartoons and fairy tales. And besides, who ever heard of a sheep's wool growing over its eyes?

Lamb runs off.

Shepherd: Little lamb, you are making a huge mistake, but I can't wait any longer. My sheep need to be sheared.

Narrator: And so the Shepherd called in his sheep and sheared them.

Shepherd makes a funny call and Sheep come up and he proceeds to pull their felt scarves off.

Narrator: When the Shepherd had completed the shearing he tried one last time to convince the lamb that she needed to be sheared.

Shepherd: Lamb, please let me shear you. There really are wolves and coyotes, and your wool really will grow over your eyes. You don't understand how dangerous it is because so far, I've been here to keep you safe.

Narrator: The lamb heard the Shepherd, but she didn't believe him, so she ran away. (*Lamb goes behind chair*) Soon she got so tired that she laid down beside a rock. Meanwhile, the weather got hotter and hotter.

Shepherd: My it's hot. It's definitely too hot for sheep. It's time to leave for higher pastures.

All Sheep nod and "baa".

Shepherd: Let me try one more time to find my little lost lamb so I can shear her and take her with us. If I can't find her, we'll have to leave without her.

Shepherd searches audience for Lost Lamb, the Sheep all baa and follow along behind.

Narrator: Well that Shepherd searched and searched but he couldn't find that little lamb. She had fallen asleep and didn't hear him calling. Finally, the Shepherd could not wait any longer. He and the sheep left the valley for the cooler mountains.

Shepherd and Sheep exit stage left, or down aisles.

When the little lamb woke up, all her friends were gone.

Lamb: Where is my Shepherd? Where are my friends?

Narrator: The little lamb looked for the Shepherd, but her wool had grown so long (*Lamb pulls wool down and peers out from under it*) that it covered her eyes and she could only see shadows.

Wolf: (*enters from stage right with Coyote*) Hey, dawg, look!

Coyote: I'm not a dog. I'm a coyote. Yeah, I see. The Shepherd's gone to the mountain and he left one fat little lamb behind. I think it's finally time for you to be a wolf in sheep's clothing (*reaches in bag and pulls out scarf, which he drapes over the Wolf's shoulders*).

Wolf: (*walks over to the Lamb*) Baaaa!

Lamb (*looks up and smiles*) Are you my mommy?

The Wolf nods, and baas and the Lamb follows the Wolf off stage right. The Wolf and Coyote surround her and she cries out in fright, when she realizes what's happened.

Narrator: When the Shepherd heard that desperate lamb, he left the 99 other sheep behind and came to her rescue.

Shepherd: (*approaches Wolf, Coyote and Sheep*) Aha! There you are.

Narrator: The Shepherd knew just what to do. He ran up and hugged the little lamb, and then he shook hands with the wolf and coyote and thanked them for finding his lamb.

Shepherd: Look, I know that you were only after dinner. Why don't you join my flock and I'll take care of you? I'll fill you with holy fruit and water and I can guarantee that you'll never be hungry or thirsty again. AND, best of all, I'll let you chase after the little lamb any time you want.

Wolf: Really? We can chase the lamb whenever we want?

Shepherd: Anytime!

Narrator: (*actors pantomime these actions as they are read*) And that's just what the wolf and coyote did. They joined the flock and chased the little lamb. When the Shepherd led the flock to green pastures the wolf chased the lamb back to the flock. When the Shepherd led the flock to still waters, the coyote chased the lamb back to the flock. And when it was time for shearing they both chased her and caught her and held her down so the Shepherd could shear her, and they all lived happily ever after. Especially the wolf and coyote who, because of their new diet of fruit and water, dropped 100 points from their cholesterol scores...and lived to a ripe old age. (*Lights out*)