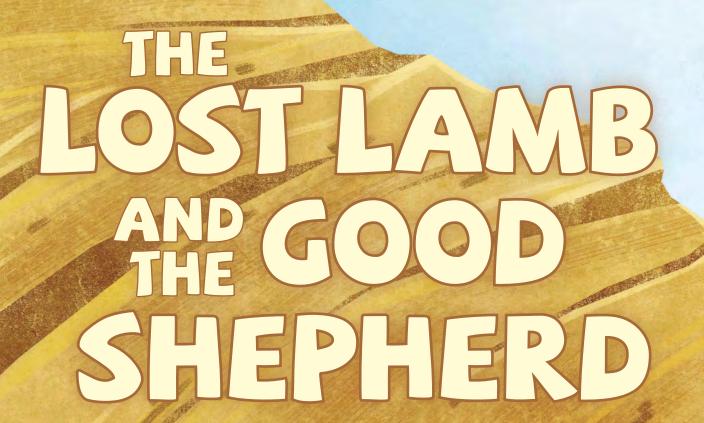


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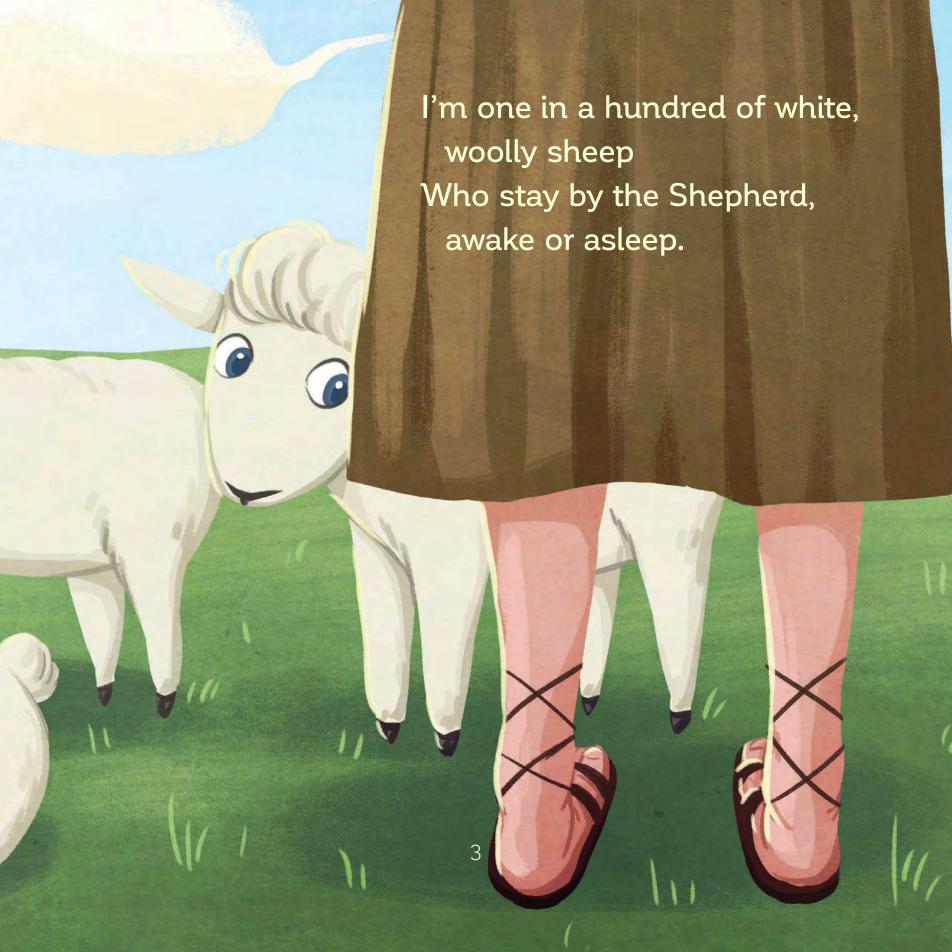
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But one day I dreamed of new fields, lush and green. I'd surely be happy in that lovely scene.

I took off a-trotting and plotting escape, My plan for green pastures was now taking shape.



I followed a path winding left, curving right.

Then thunderclouds BOOMED, and a storm hit the night.



I ran for some bushes, but thorns scraped my back. My stomach was grumbling. The sky had turned black. I heard in the distance the screech of an owl, The growl of a bear, and a wily wolf's howl.

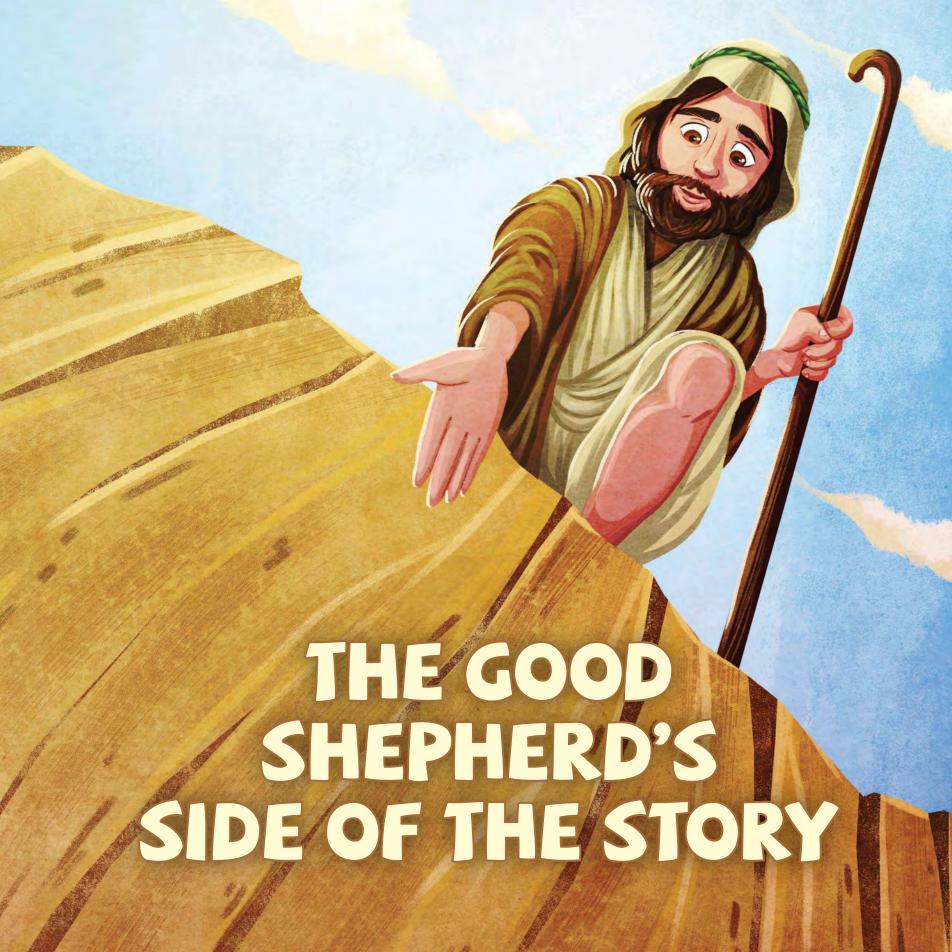


Oh, why did I leave? Now I'm lost and alone.

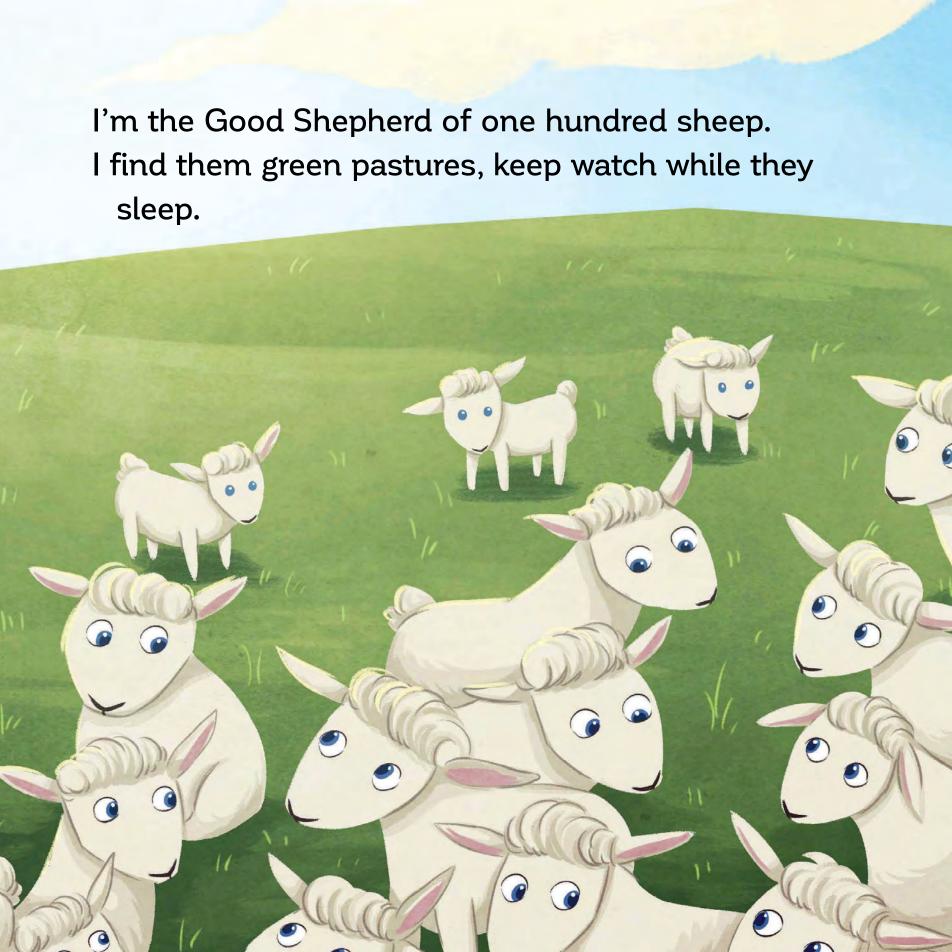
No Shepherd to guide me—no fault but my own.





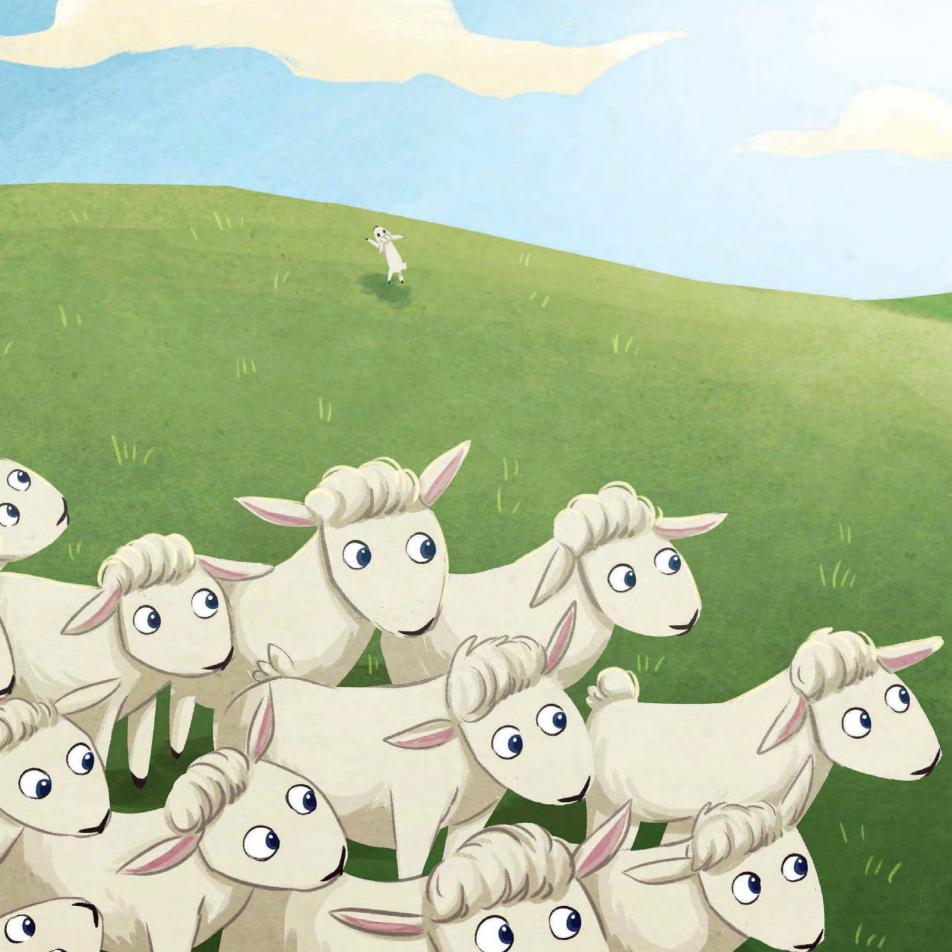


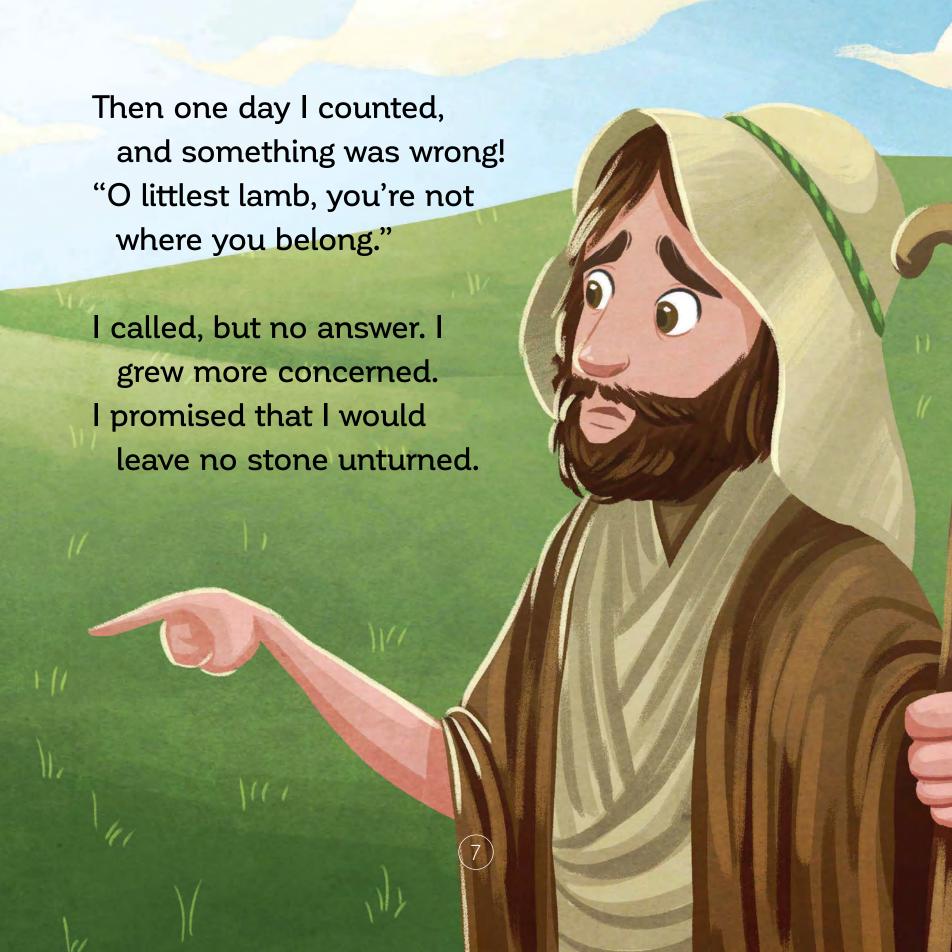




I know them by name, and I call them My own. I hear every baa, every bleat, every moan.







I left the whole flock and went searching for one Who'd wandered astray, like a prodigal son.

