

The Parables of Jesus

THE LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:3-7

Jesus told parables, simple and wise,
He used things people saw in their ev'ry day lives.
Each one had deep meaning, so precious and true -
A treasure that's hidden in God's Word for you.

Let me tell you a story that Jesus once told
Of a good, faithful shepherd who loved his young fold.

He had a flock of lambs, a hundred little ones;
Covered in wooly curls - full of fun!

They knew His voice so well; He knew them one and all
They followed him quite gladly, from early spring to fall.

But - one little curious lamb, who liked to explore
Thought up a wild plan; he wanted to see more.

"I'll take a little walk, down that grassy slope so green -
Maybe there's something cooler there that I've never seen."

But in a flash, he was alone! Where had the others gone?
He froze and shivered in the dark, as night crept on.

The shepherd was counting, then cried out in shock:
"Only ninety-nine here in my precious flock!
Oh, I must hurry to find that lost lamb!"

He climbed the hills, and crossed a brook,
He called and he searched ev'ry cranny and nook.

Suddenly, he heard a sound, and it was very near.
"I'd never leave you little lamb; I'm here! Don't fear!"

He lifted it gently and holding it close,
He smiled with relief, and returned to the fold. "Phew!"

"I've found you, my precious lamb - so little and forlorn!
To have lost you for ever, I never could have borne."

Jesus used this parable to tell us all:
Each one of us has priceless worth, both big and small..
He is our Shepherd, His love is real and true,
He knows ev'ry lamb, and that means me and you!

