



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 told one day,
About a good shepherd, the best in every way.

He knew each sheep; He watched with care.
He followed along - yes, everywhere!



In that same field was a hired servant too
He had to guard the sheep - 'twas his job, he knew.

He was jolly, seemed kind, and smiled pleasantly -
But deep down in his heart, he didn't care, not he!

One cold, dark night, when all was still,
The wind howled loudly o'er valley and hill;

A pack of wolves crept - sly and grey
They sneaked through the woods, in search of small prey.



The hired man leapt to his feet - look at him fly!
He yelled: "Get me outta here! I don't wanna die!
The pay is good, but this risk?! No, thanks!
They can manage without me; I won't take the chance!"

But the shepherd stood firm; His heart full of care
He loved His young flock, for them nothing He'd spare.

He called out to His sheep - His voice strong and clear;
The sheep were all safe, with their shepherd so near!

"I know each of mine, and they know me too."
The shepherd said kindly, "I'll never leave you!"

Jesus told this story to help us understand
How safe and good it is to be His little lamb.
He is our Shepherd; His care is so true.
He knows each of His own, yes, both me and you
He'll stand close beside us; He'll protect us from harm.
He'll never forsake us; He'll hold us safely in His arms.

