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Once there was a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. All day long he tended them, and led them about to find good pasture and clear water to drink.

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Perhaps he thought he could find better pasture for himself if he went off alone; perhaps he was tired of following with the good sheep just where the shepherd called.

When the night came, the shepherd led his sheep home to pen them safely in their fold, where no wolves could get them.

He called them by their names, but one sheep did not answer his call; one poor, foolish sheep was not there to be penned up safely; he was far away.

What do you think the shepherd did? It was growing late, and the night was dark, but the kind shepherd left the other sheep safe in their fold, and went out to seek the one that was lost.

The poor, silly sheep had strayed off among the rocks, by rough ways, where it was hard to climb. He had gone into greater danger, too; and he trembled as he heard the cry of wild, fierce beasts, that might soon tear him to pieces.

But at last, he heard a joyful sound; it was his own shepherd's voice.

The shepherd took up the poor, trembling sheep, and laid it on his shoulders, and carried it safely home again.

Was not this shepherd kind? Our Lord Jesus Christ is like this kind shepherd, for He came to seek and to save that which was lost. But was not the stray sheep very naughty and foolish to go away from his kind shepherd, and not follow him or mind when he heard his voice?

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