

Then Jesus told them this parable: Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Dear Parent,

One of the most terrifying things for a parents is to lose a child in the mall. Terrible thoughts run through your head. The same was true for the shepherds of old. When a sheep was not accounted for, they left the others and went to find the lost one. You child heard a song today about Jesus being our shepherd and that he is always with us, even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Helping a child remember that can bring them comfort when they are afraid of school, thunderstorms, the dark and even spiders. Help them remember that the next time they are afraid. Jesus is right there with them!