

## **The Story of the Lost Sheep**

One day Jesus told this story to a group of people who were following him. He told them that a shepherd had 100 sheep. He would count them every night. One night the shepherd only counted 99 so he left the 99 sheep and went looking for his little lost sheep. He looked everywhere and he didn't give up until he found it. He was so happy when he found his little lost sheep that he invited all his friends to his house to have a party to celebrate finding his little sheep.

Jesus told the people this story because he wanted them to know how much God loved them and cared for them. He was telling them that God is a lot like the shepherd in this story. When you do bad things you become lost from God. It makes him very sad. God cannot be around sin. But God keeps calling you back until you find your way. When you ask God to forgive you for the bad things you do, he is so happy because he can be near you again. God and all the angels in heaven celebrate and have a party when you ask God to forgive you. Let's pray and ask God to help us to be good and to forgive us for the bad things we do.