

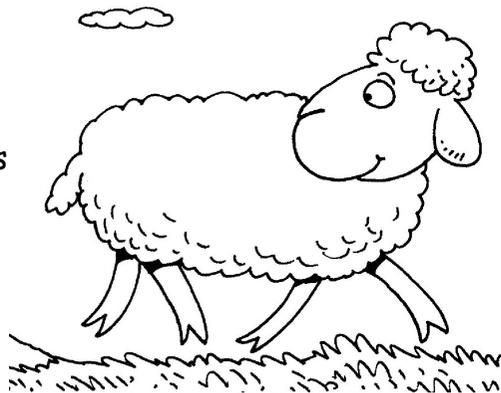


Then he called all his friends and neighbors to tell them about it . He had a big celebration because he was very glad that he found his lost sheep.

When Jesus finished telling the story, everyone was silent.

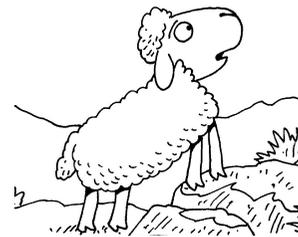
Then He said this :

"In the same way there is lots of happiness in heaven every time someone decides to stop making bad choices and comes back to God."



You can also read this story  
in the Bible  
in Luke 15 v 1-7

## THE LOST SHEEP



Have you ever made a bad choice? I have. But we can all learn from our mistakes , hey.

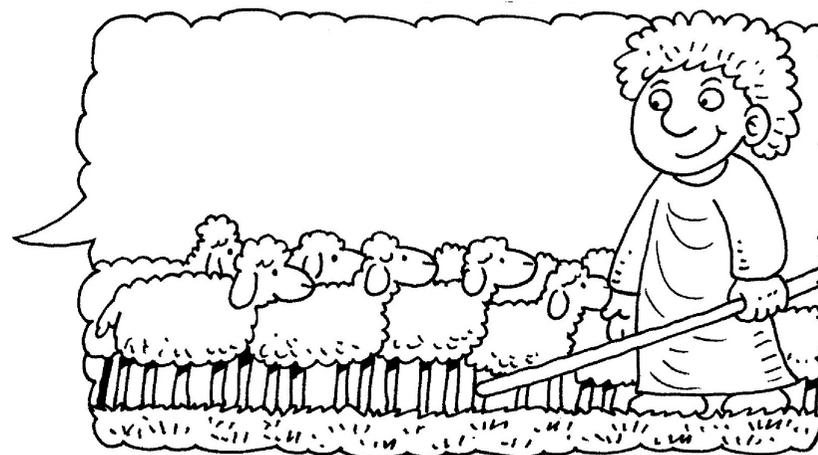
Some people keep on making bad choices. In the Bible times, some of the church leaders treated these people badly. They thought they were better than others. They also tried to avoid them.

But Jesus didn't do that. When He was on earth, He was always very kind and fair to people.

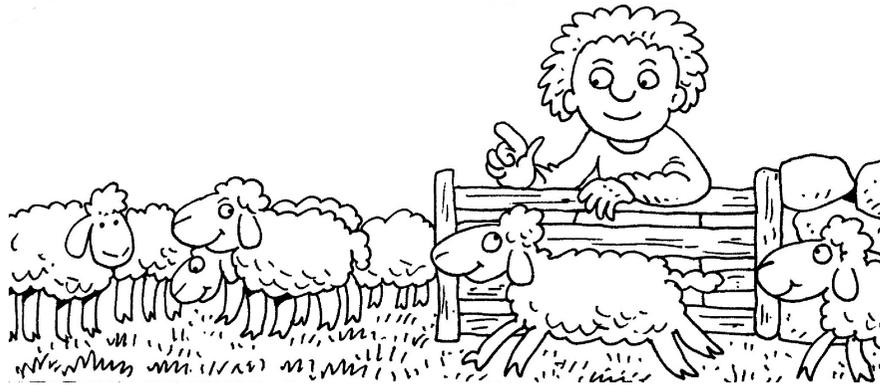
(He is still like that today.)  
The church leaders didn't like it when Jesus did that, so they grumbled and were very unhappy.



When Jesus noticed that, He told them this story:



There was a man just like you who had a 100 sheep . He loved his sheep and always took care of them very well.



Every evening when he took the sheep to the sheeps pen,  
he counted them to make sure no one was lost.  
But one evening when he counted them,  
one of his sheep was missing!

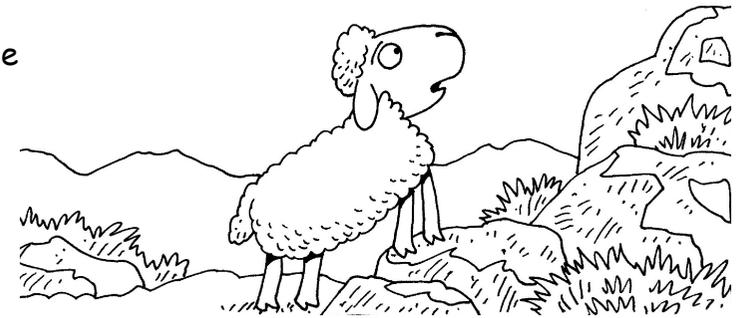


The man was very upset about it because he loved his sheep.  
He quickly went out to search for his lost sheep.  
He left his 99 sheep in the pen,  
because he knew that they were safe there.

He walked back to where the sheep were grazing earlier that day.  
It was getting dark but he didn't mind.



He was very worried because the sheep could have fallen into a hole and broken his leg



. Or a wild animal could have caught it. . .

He searched all over, behind the bushes and in the ditches. He searched everywhere.



Finally he found his lost sheep!

Oh he was so happy!  
He picked him up and gave him a hug!  
Then he put him on his shoulders.

He carried him all the way back home.

