



THE FIRST PARABLE

The Lost Sheep



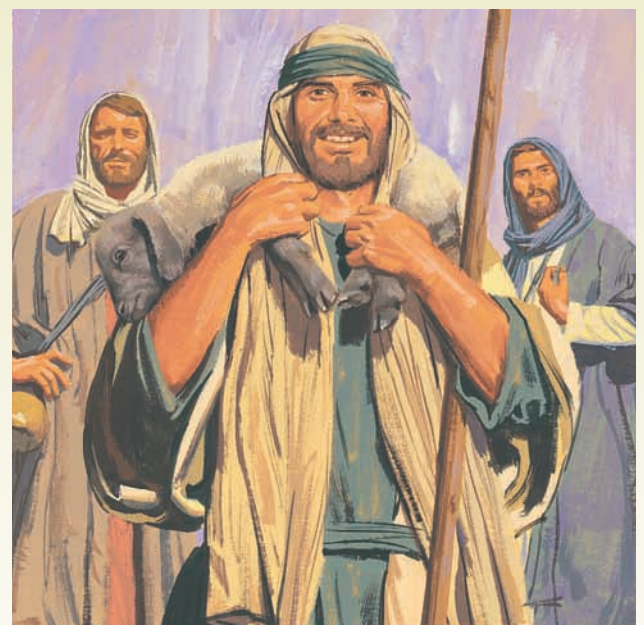
A good shepherd had 100 sheep. One of them was lost.

Luke 15:4



The shepherd left the 99 sheep to look for the lost one. When he found it, he was very happy.

Luke 15:4-5



The shepherd carried the sheep home. He called to all his friends and neighbors to come and be happy with him. He had found the lost sheep.

Luke 15:5-6



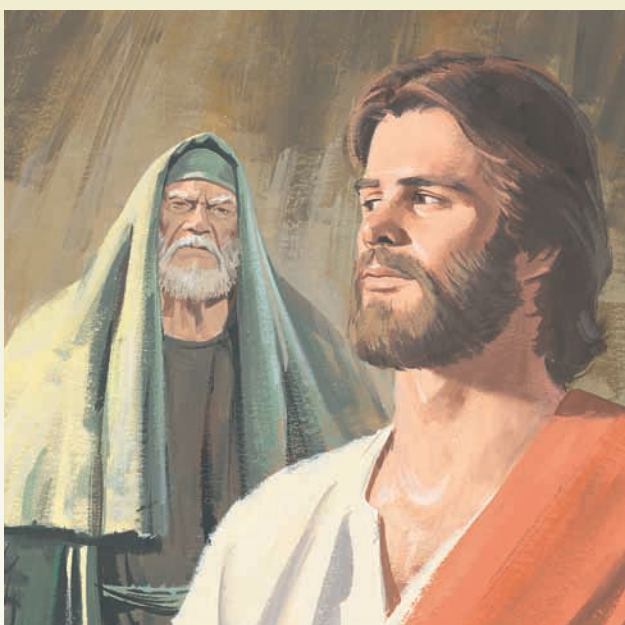
Jesus Christ told the Pharisees what the parable meant. He said that those who sin are like the lost sheep.

Luke 15:7



Just as the shepherd wanted to save the lost sheep, Jesus wants to save those who sin.

Mark 2:17



Jesus said that was why He was talking with sinners.

Matthew 18:11 (see footnote 11c); Mark 2:17



And just as the shepherd was very happy when he found the lost sheep, Jesus is very happy when we repent.

Luke 15:6-7