

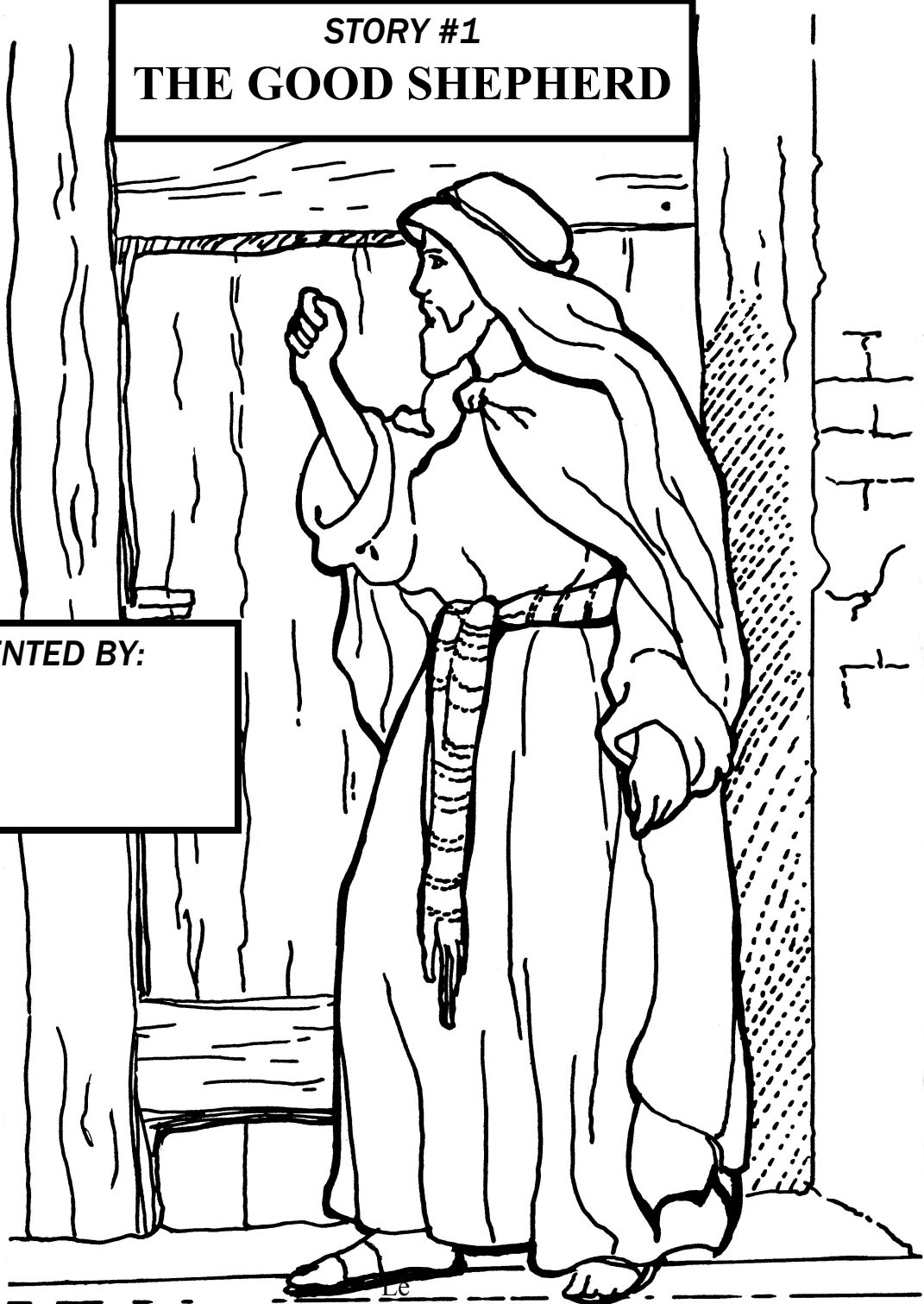
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**BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN  
TO READ AND COLOR**

STORY #1

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*JOHN 10:11*

Shepherds take care of sheep. The baby sheep are called lambs. When the Shepherd leads the sheep to another pasture he carries the lambs. The shepherd loves all the sheep and has a special love for the lambs. Because sheep cannot take care of themselves, the shepherd stays with them. Sometimes wild animals try to hurt the sheep but the shepherd protects them and is willing to die for his sheep.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, He loves us all. He showed how much He loves us by dying on the cross for our sins. He saved us so that we now can go to heaven.

This is the time of year that we celebrate the birthday of "*The Good Shepherd*". We all can be glad that the baby Jesus was born to be our "*Good Shepherd*".

## **PRAYER**

*Dear Jesus, we know that you love us. Please keep us and protect us from all that would hurt us. Forgive us when we do wrong and take us to heaven with you. Amen*

*Bible passage for older children to memorize:*

*JOHN 10:11*

*"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

# SHEEP



Sheep were very important to the people in the Bible. Jesus called Himself the "*Good Shepherd*" and everyone who believes in Him are called His "*sheep*".

Sheep are gentle and follow their shepherd with loyalty and love. The sheep would get lost without the guidance from their shepherd.



***PSALM 78: 52, 53***

**But he brought his people out like a flock; he led them like sheep through the desert. He guided them safely, so they were unafraid; but the sea engulfed their enemies.**

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