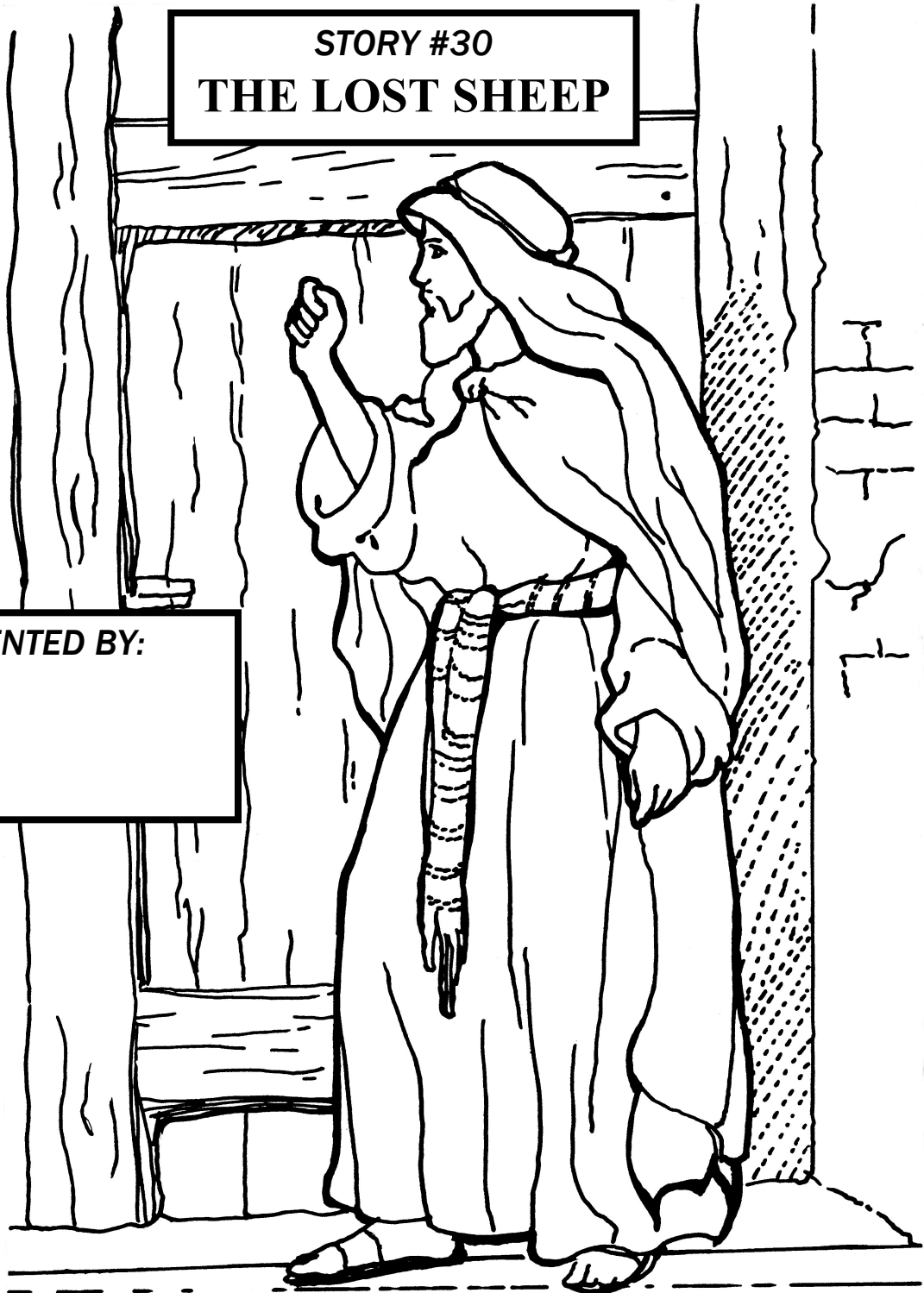


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STORY #30  
**THE LOST SHEEP**

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# THE LOST SHEEP

LUKE 15:3-7

Jesus often told everyday stories in order to teach important truths about Himself and how He takes care of us. The enemies of Jesus found fault with Him because He received sinners and often would eat with them.

Here is the story He told in order to show how much He loves all sinners and invites them to come to Him. A man had one hundred sheep. He lost one of them on a lonely and far away road. He penned up the rest of the sheep and went out to find the one lost sheep. When He found the lost sheep he invited his friends to rejoice with Him, *"For I have found my lost sheep."* So there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. You can be sure that the other sheep were also happy to have the lost sheep back with them.

## PRAYER

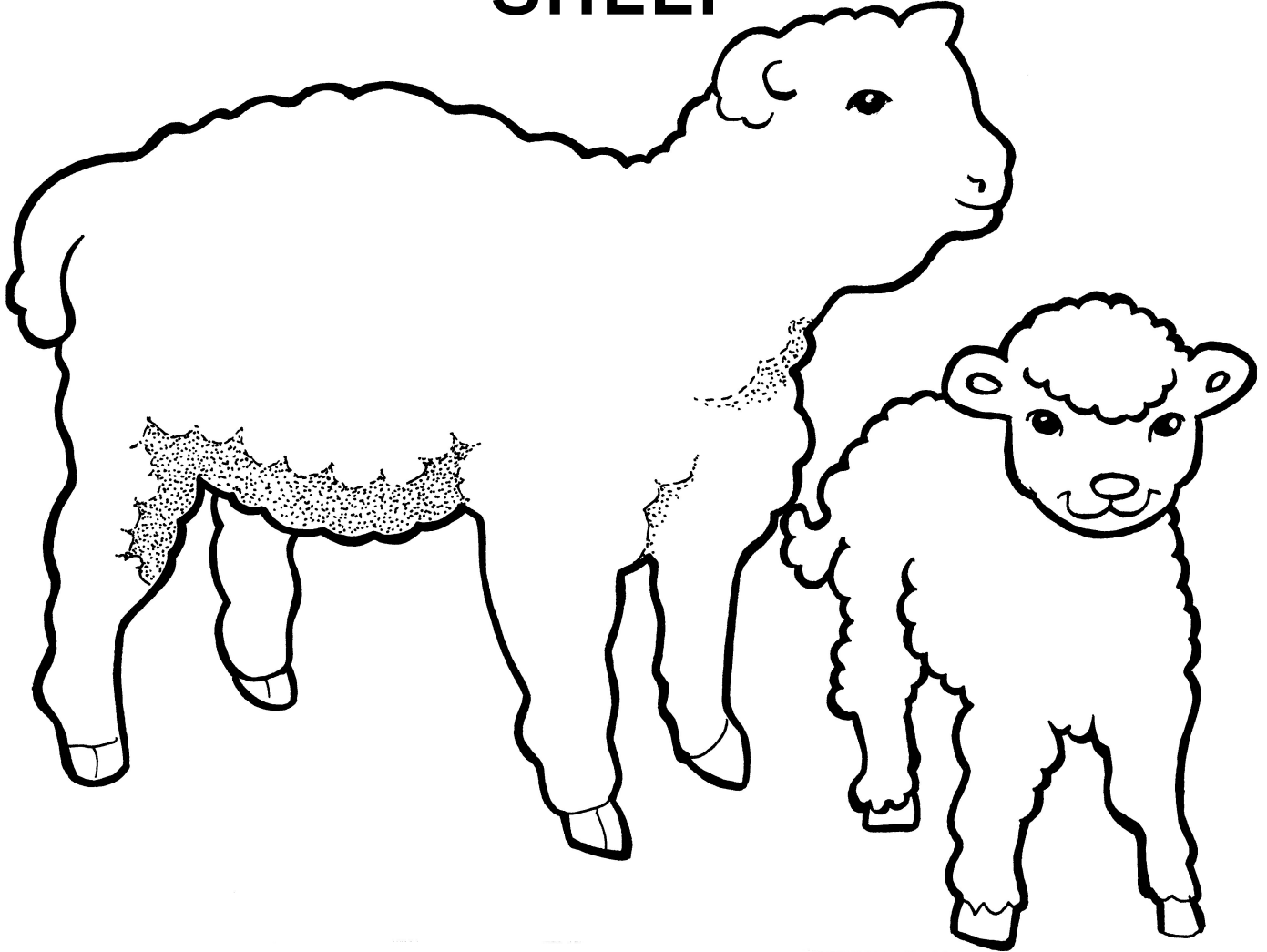
*Since Jesus has saved me, a lost person, I pray that He will keep me in His flock forever. Amen*

*Bible passage for older children to memorize:*

LUKE 19:10

*Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*

# SHEEP



Sheep are very gentle and trusting animals. They are also weak and easily hurt or killed unless their shepherd is very careful. A lost sheep would die unless the shepherd found it and took care of it.

Jesus calls us His sheep and He is our Shepherd. Jesus knows that without Him, we would die in our sins. Jesus loves us and wants to save us when we get lost and wander away from Him. Like the Good Shepherd that He is, Jesus works very hard to keep us safe.



**LUKE 15:8-10**

***The Parable of the Lost Coin***

***"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."***

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