

Parable Role Play Script

Use Lesson Illustrations 1, 2, 4, and 5. Choose four volunteers to act out today's parable. Select students to be the man and sheep for Part 1, and Jesus and lost sinner for Part 2. Tape these four illustrations to the four actors or have them hold the signs. Have the rest of the class rejoice when you tell them to. Use the script below to help the children act out this parable.

PART 1: THE PEOPLE REJOICED WHEN THE MAN FOUND HIS SHEEP.

Narrator: Jesus told a story about a man who owned 100 sheep.

Coach **man** to say: "I have 100 sheep!"

Narrator: But one day, one of the sheep wandered off and got lost.

Coach **sheep** to walk away and "hide."

Narrator: What did the man do?

Coach **man** to say: "Oh, no! One of my sheep is missing. I'll go find it."

Narrator: So, the man left his 99 sheep and went to look for the one lost sheep.

Coach **man** to "find" his lost sheep.

Narrator: The man found his sheep!

Coach **man** to say: "I have found my sheep! We will go home!"

Coach **sheep** to follow the man home.

Narrator: The man was so happy that he found his sheep. He carried it back and called his neighbors to rejoice with him.

Coach **man** to say to his friends (the rest of the class): "Rejoice with me! I have found my sheep."

Coach the class to rejoice with **man**: "Yaay!"

PART 2: HEAVEN REJOICES WHEN A SINNER BELIEVES IN JESUS.

Narrator: What does the parable mean? Jesus is like the man in the story.

*Coach **Jesus** to walk across the room and up to the front of the room.*

Narrator: The sheep is like a lost sinner. The lost sinner hides from Jesus.

*Coach **lost sinner** to hide from Jesus.*

*Coach **Jesus** to look for **lost sinner**.*

Narrator: Jesus seeks the sinner so He can save him.

*Coach **Jesus** to find **lost sinner**.*

Narrator: Jesus finds the lost sinner.

*Coach **lost sinner** to turn to **Jesus**.*

Narrator: The lost sinner repents and believes.

Coach them to walk hand in hand back to the class.

Narrator: When Jesus finds the lost sinner, there is rejoicing in heaven!

*Coach **Jesus** to say: "Rejoice with me!"*

*Coach the class to rejoice with **Jesus**: "Yaay!"*