

## Flannel-board Presentation, Book 1, Unit 6.—The Good Shepherd



1. One evening, Jesus was invited to a certain house for a dinner. Two men, dressed in fine clothes, were passing by. When they saw the guests arriving, they stopped to look. One of them said, "Let's pretend we are talking, and let's watch and see who was invited this time to eat with Jesus." As they saw people coming, one said: "I can't believe it! Look who's coming!"

2. "It's the store keeper," said the other. "Everyone knows he charges too much; he's not fair!" "Look right behind him," said the other one, "there's the biggest liar in town! Don't tell me he's invited to the same dinner with Jesus! Everyone knows how stingy that man is with his money. He doesn't trust anyone; he carries his money with him all the time!" (Remove these three men.)

Many more people came to watch. The news spread fast amongst them: "Jesus is eating with people who are bad and don't care about anyone but themselves! Jesus is eating with sinners"

Did Jesus care about these people? Ye, he did. Do you think he cared about those who were outside watching too? He did, and He wished that they would understand how He felt about people who were called sinners. Later, when Jesus had a chance, He helped them to understand by telling them a story (Remove house):

3. One there was a good shepherd who had a hundred sheep and knew each one by name. Of course he noticed when one of his lambs was missing. He left the ninety-nine in a grassy field (Remove shepherd) and went right away to look for the one that was lost.

4. He searched among the rocks and bushes until he found the lamb. It was caught in a thorn bush. Do you think he was angry? No, he was very happy and looked at his lamb so gently. He bent down (Shepherd by thorn bush) and carefully freed it from the sharp thorns that were tearing its skin. The poor lamb was crying; it was so helpless.

The shepherd put the lamb on its feet (Remove the lamb from thorn bush), but it was shaking so badly that it couldn't even take a step. The shepherd picked his lamb up gently (Remove) and put it on his shoulders. He carried it all the way back through the thorns, bushes and rocks, so that the lamb wouldn't hurt itself anymore.

5. When he arrived home (Shepherd with sheep), the shepherd called his friends and neighbors and said, "Let's celebrate! I have found my sheep that was lost!" When Jesus finished the story about this good shepherd, He asked the people, "Do you understand what I am saying? I am like this Good Shepherd. I care about each one of you. I want to help those who have wandered away from God, because they are suffering and need me to bring them back."

6. Many of the people understood what Jesus was saying. They were sorry for being jealous of those who needed Jesus' help so much.

### Suggestions for Deepening

(Numbers correspond to paragraph numbers)

3. Ask the children if they know how many one-hundred is. Show them by having ten of them raise their hands and show their ten fingers.

Ask children if they have ever seen sheep; what do they look like; what kind of sound do they make, etc.?

4. Ask the children where they think the shepherd looked for the lost lamb. The children might not know what a thornbush is. Explain if necessary. Ask: Why did the shepherd carry the lamb back?

5. Ask the children if they ever heard of someone who ran away from home and got into trouble; ask how they think the parents felt (e.g. sad, worried, etc)

6. Ask how they would feel if their brothers or sister ran away. (Some might say things just to show off; help them to speak sincerely.)

Discuss how we can sometimes be like lost sheep (e.g. by not coming to class to learn more about Jesus; going with "bad" friends; playing outside instead of going into church for Mass, etc.) Also discuss ways of coming back.

### Scripture References:

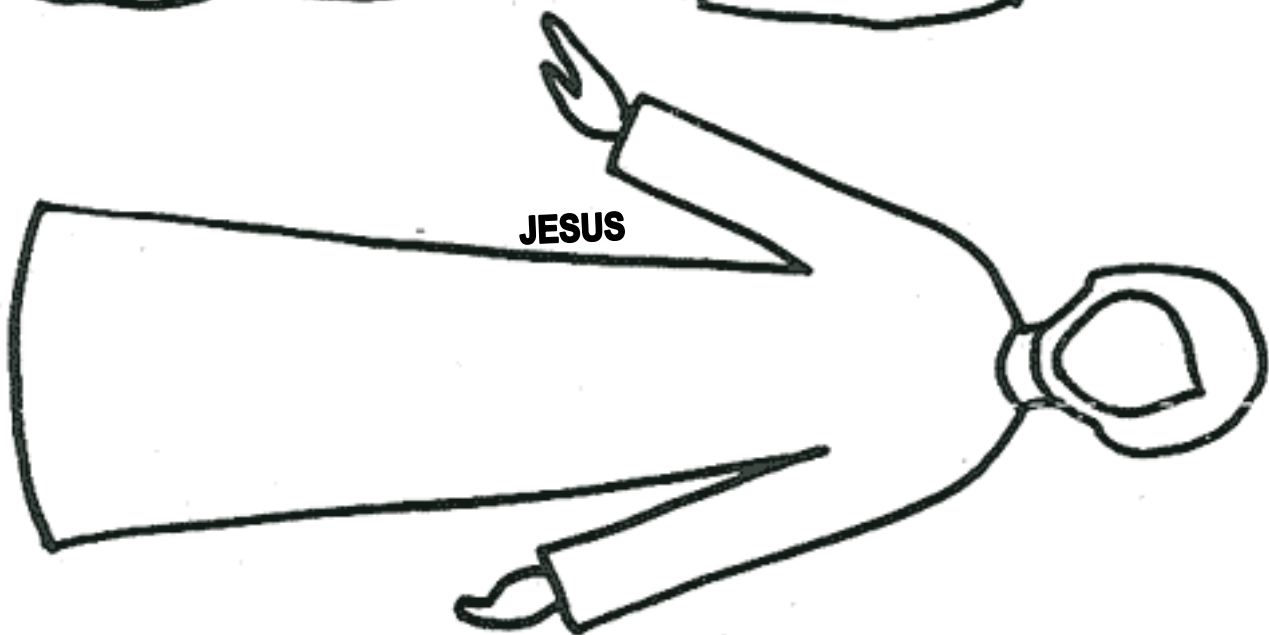
Luke 15:1-7; Mathew 18:11-14;  
John 10:11

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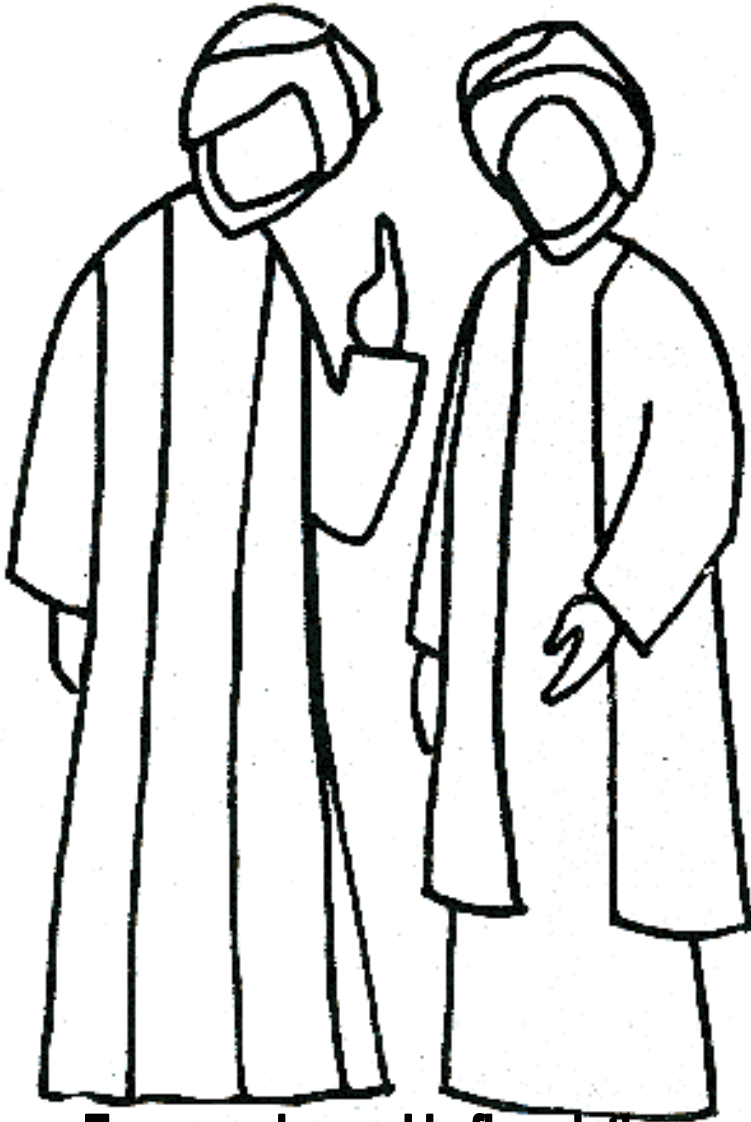
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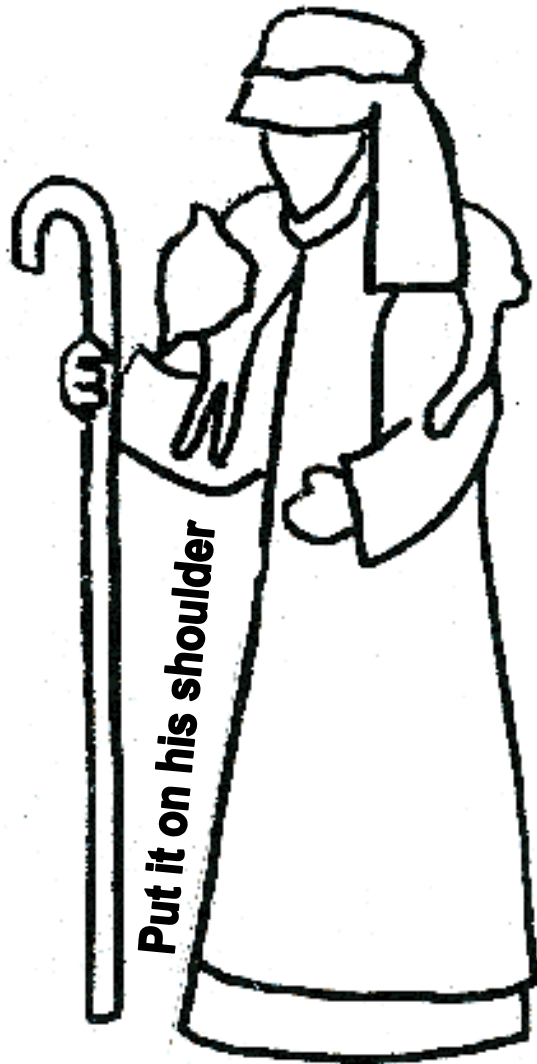
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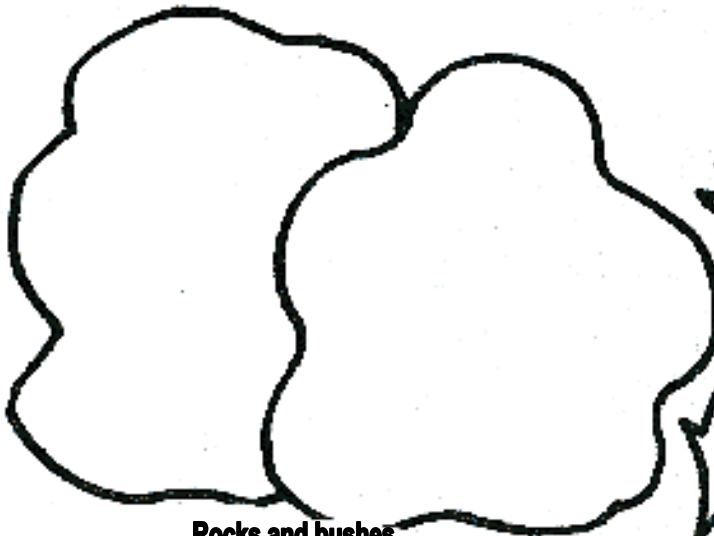
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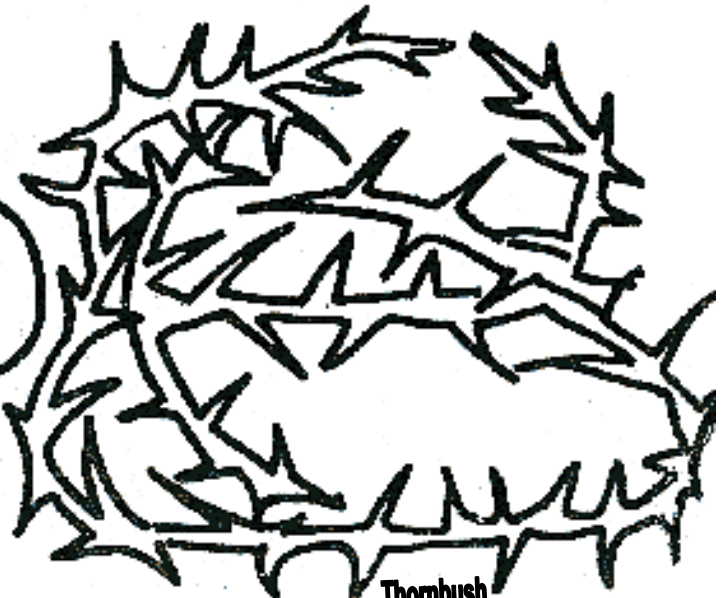
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**Put it on his shoulder**



**Rocks and bushes**



**Thornbush**