



Parables are stories told by Jesus that teach Christians about his Kingdom

Discussion

- What part of the video did you like best?
- Why?



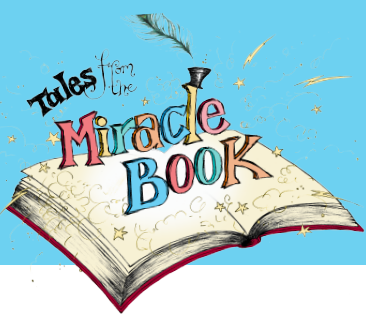
Reading



Then Jesus told them this story: “Suppose one of you has 100 sheep, but he loses 1 of them. Then he will leave the other 99 sheep alone and go out and look for the lost sheep. The man will keep on searching for the lost sheep until he finds it.

And when he finds it, the man is very happy. He puts it on his shoulders and goes home. He calls to his friends and neighbours and says, ‘Be happy with me because I found my lost sheep!’

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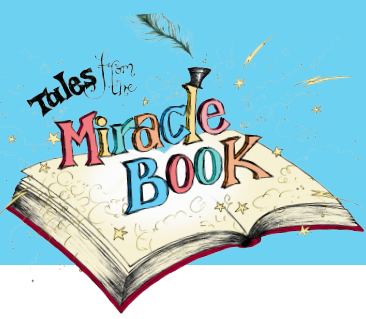
The shepherd was very good at taking care of his sheep. He kept them safe and made sure they had everything they needed.



Choose some words from the word bank below and write them in the box below to describe the shepherd.

- Caring Selfish Brave Strong Careful
Kind Protective Careless Thoughtful Cross
Thoughtless Unkind Concerned Loving

Can you colour in the picture?



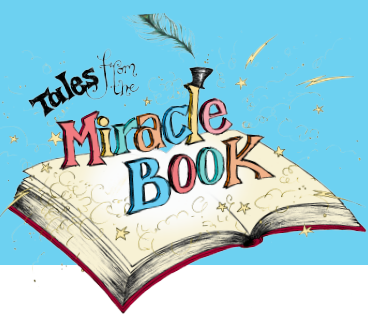
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Think of some words or sentences to describe the shepherd's character- as many as you can- and write them in the box below.



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How do you think he felt about it?

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R I U R N R R S W D
O N D M I V X N K D
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BEAR	MISSING	SEARCH
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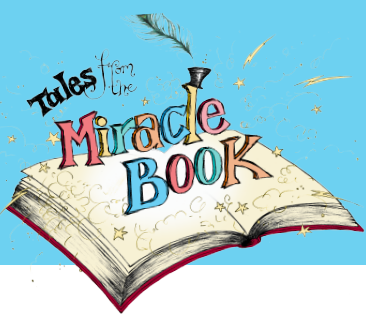
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Miracles & Parables Resources

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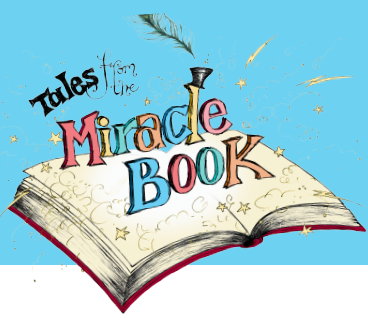


Creative Writing - 'Lost!'

Write a short story about being lost...

Maybe you're the one who is lost... or maybe you are the one who has lost something or someone. How do they go missing? How are they found? How do they feel before and afterwards?

A large, vertically oriented writing area with horizontal ruling lines, designed for the student to write their creative story.

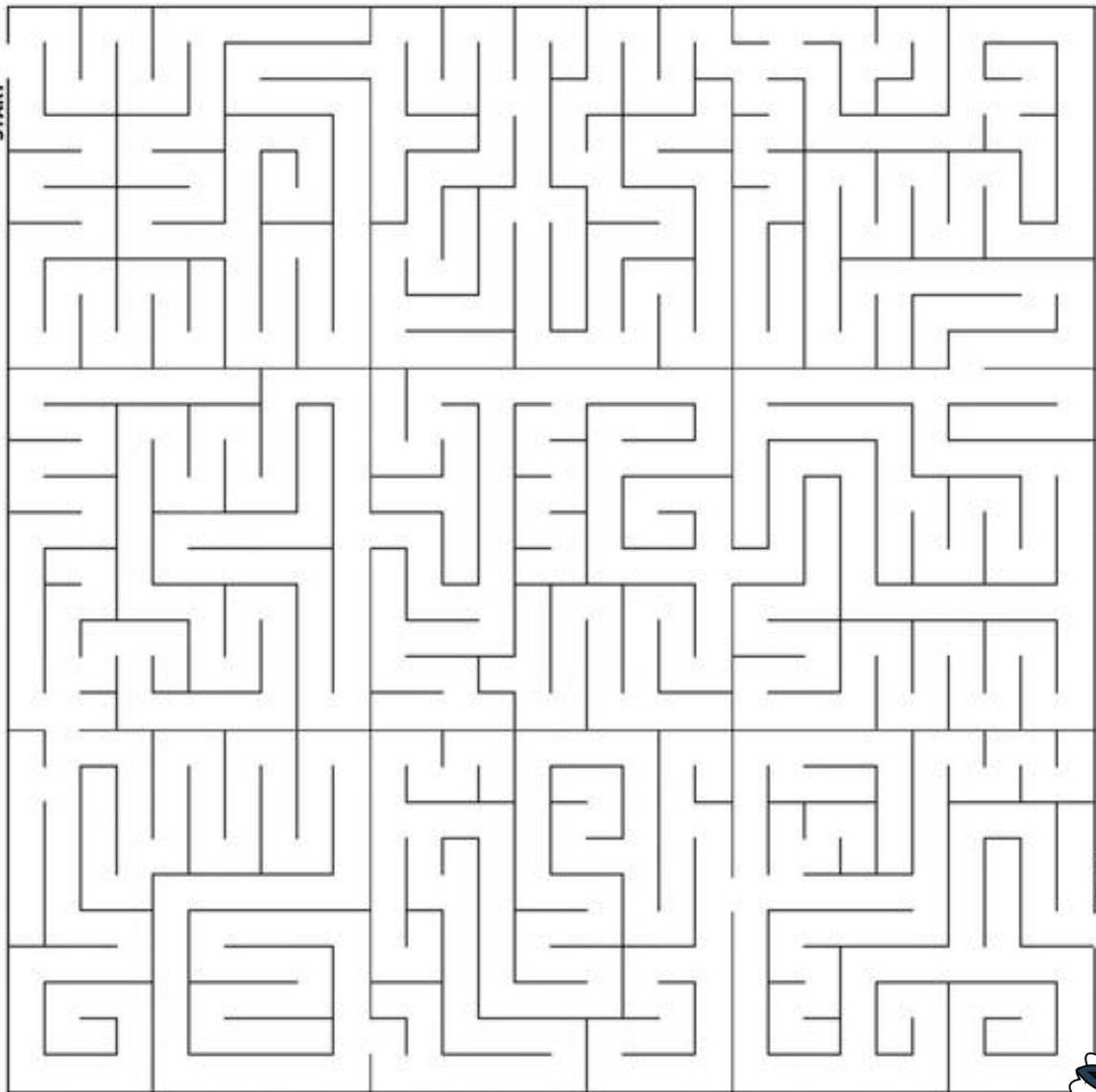


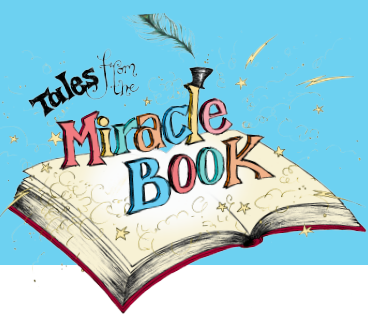
He Never Gave Up!

The shepherd searched long and hard to find his lost sheep. He travelled many miles... he got cold and tired... but he never, ever gave up!



Have a go at the maze below. See if you can help the shepherd find his lost sheep.





Hide and Seek Game

Here's a fun game to play as a class!

One person volunteers to go out of the room (or close their eyes - the important thing is that they don't see the next bit).

The rest of the class choose an object and hide it somewhere in the class.

The volunteer - the seeker - is now allowed back in or to open their eyes.

They are told what's been hidden - now they must find it!

But the rest of the class will help...

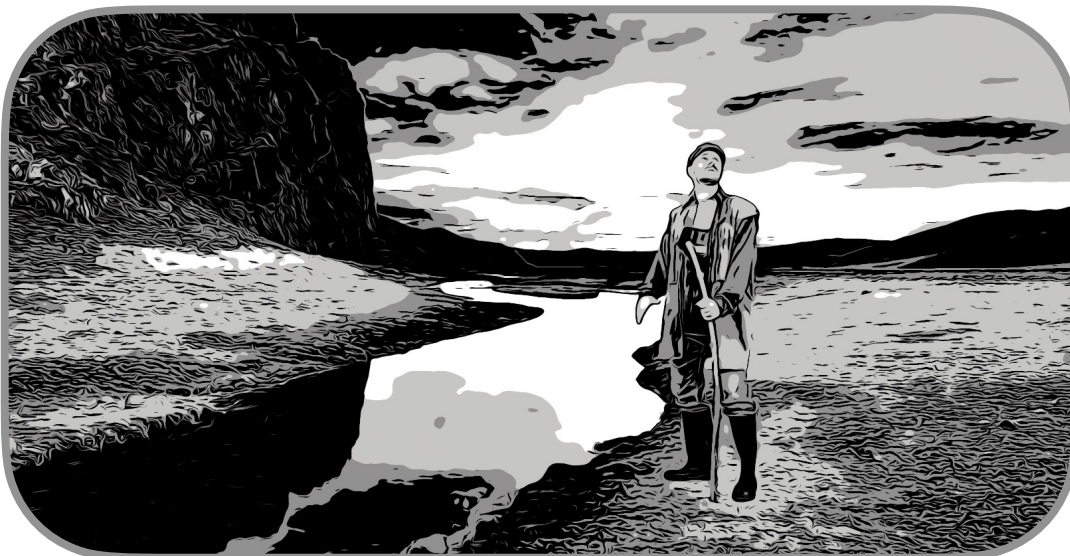
Key Stage 1

The class will guide the seeker by telling them if they are 'hot' or 'cold'.

Key Stage 2

They'll do this by gently clapping their hands together - clapping louder when the seeker gets closer to the object, clapping quieter when the seeker is further away from the object. The seeker must listen to the clapping to work out if they are near or far from the object.

You could even try this game blindfolded to make it harder.





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THE LOST SHEEP

KS1 &
KS2

The psalm below is from the Bible and was written by the shepherd boy David, who later became king of Israel. It reminds us of God as the good shepherd looking after us. Decorate this psalm with a picture or images that come to mind and colour them in. You could even see if you can memorise it if you wish!

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.





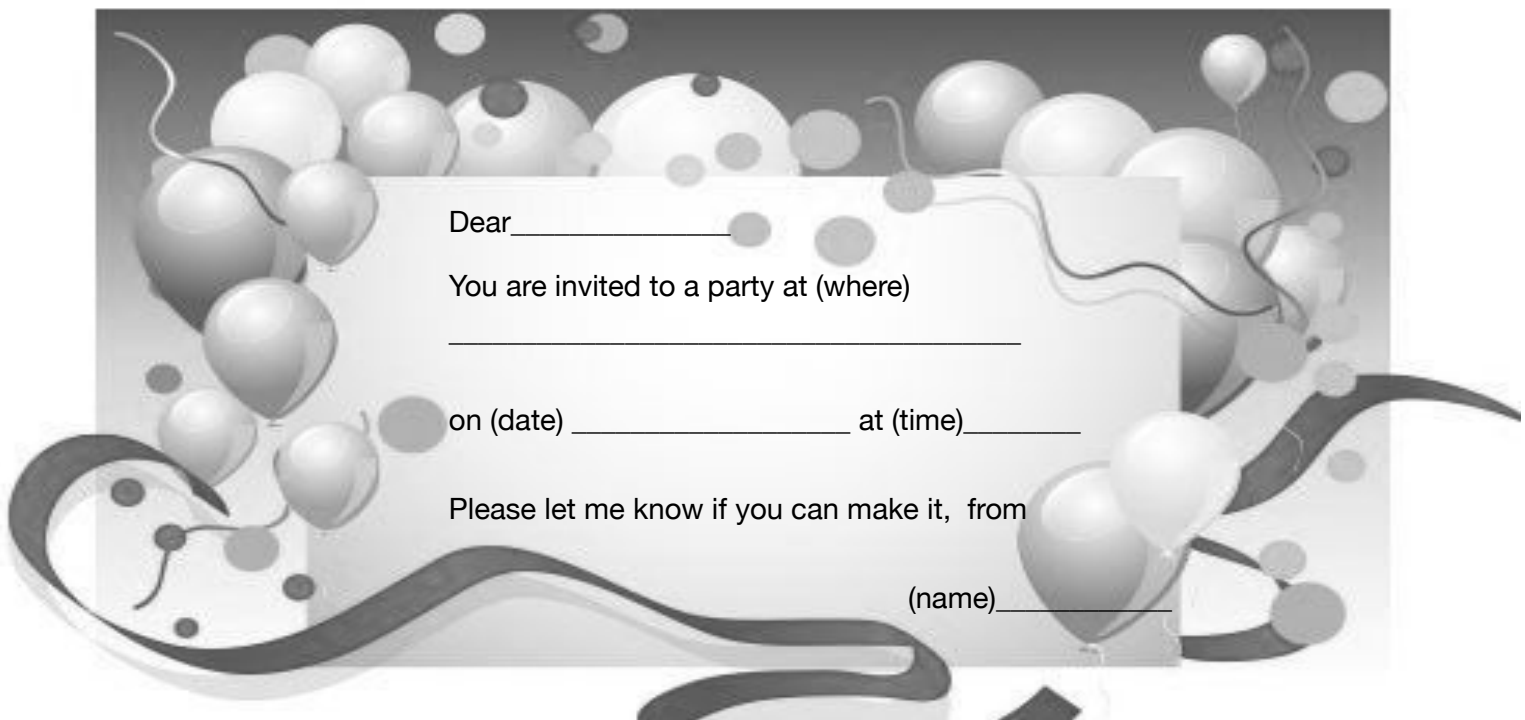
Party Time!



When the shepherd found his lost sheep he was absolutely delighted!
How do you think he might have celebrated?

Imagine that you're planning a party to welcome someone home. What would you include?
Where would it be held?

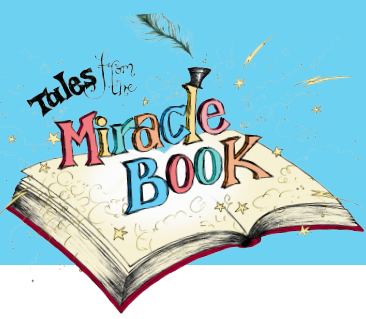
Write your invitation...



To host a party you'll need to make plans. What kind of games will you have?

What food and drink will there be?

Are there any other things you need to arrange?



Faith Link

In the Bible, Jesus teaches this story to show that everyone is important and valuable to God.

God is represented as a shepherd who takes care of us, his sheep, in every way and leads us along the right paths. God is shown here to provide for all of our needs and keeps us safe from harm.



Christians believe that this story, or parable, tells us that even though we can sometimes get lost and wander along the wrong pathways, God never gives up on us and will work tirelessly to help us get back home again.

When Jesus told his followers (or his disciples) what the parable meant he mentioned a word called sin or sinner. Sin means wrong-doing. The Bible teaches that everyone and anyone can be friends with God, but also that sin or wrong-doing gets in the way of our friendship with God.

Jesus said, "In the same way, I tell you there is much joy in heaven when 1 sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that 1 sinner than there is for 99 good people who don't need to change." Luke 15:7 International Children's Bible

Christians believe that just as the shepherd was over-joyed when he found the lost sheep, so God is overjoyed when we say sorry and turn back towards him to be friends again.

TASK IDEA

Celebrate one person a day in the class.

Send them encouraging notes and make them feel special!

Keep a list so that no-one is missed out!



Assessment Recording Sheet

NAME: _____

I like this parable because _____

My favourite part of the story is _____

The message from this story is _____

This parable tells us that Christians believe _____

The story is still relevant today because _____

After thinking about this story and it's teaching I will _____

Illustrate this story with a picture below...