

THE STORYTELLING MAN

(two parables of Jesus)

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1. Lost Sheep

Theme: God seeks His own

Scripture References: Luke 15: 3-7

Characters: Two: one man, one either gender

Narrator (may be offstage voice)

Man (a shepherd)

Tone: Light

Synopsis: Jesus tells these two classic stories to illustrate God's love for us all.

Running Time: Two minutes or less (without suggested music)

Set: None.

Props: A shepherds' staff (optional)

(enter Man as Narrator begins)

NARRATOR: There once was a man who owned a hundred sheep.

MAN: *(pointing as he counts)* Ninety-six, ninety seven, ninety eight, ninety-nine...one hundred!

NARRATOR: Now the man loved his sheep.

MAN: *(holds out arms)* Good girl! Come to papa....*(bends down as if picking up sheep, caressing it)*

NARRATOR: He knew each sheep by name....

MAN: *(mimes releasing sheep)* There ya go...Sophie....nice girl.

NARRATOR: But the day came when he discovered that one sheep was lost.

MAN: *(pointing as he counts)* Ninety-six, ninety seven, ninety eight, ninety-nine...*(pause, looks concerned)* Ninety-six, ninety seven, ninety eight, ninety-nine...Oh my...oh no...somebody's missing.

2. LOST COIN

Theme: God's joy when finding the lost.

Scripture Reference: Luke 15: 8-10

Characters: Two (one woman, one either gender)

Narrator (could be an offstage voice)

Woman

Tone: Light

Running Time: Two minutes or less

Set: None.

Props: Apron with large pockets

Coins (optional)

A flash light

A small hand-held vacuum cleaner

(enter Woman as Narrator begins)

NARRATOR: There once was a woman who had ten silver coins.

WOMAN: *(counting coins) (may be mime)* six...seven...eight...nine...ten! Yep. All there!

NARRATOR: But the woman was a little careless at times and often misplaced things...*(Woman looks around, checks pockets)*

WOMAN: Now where did I put my dust rag.

NARRATOR: In fact, in a very short time, she even lost one of her ten silver coins....

WOMAN: *(counting)* six.... even ... eight...nine....hmmm. *(looking around)* Where did I put that other coin?

NARRATOR: And so the careless woman lit a lamp...

WOMAN: *(looking around, crossing right)* A lamp. What did I do with that lamp? *(takes out a small flash light)* I'll just use this.

NARRATOR: And she swept her house....

WOMAN: *(looking around, crossing to down left)* Broom...broom...ah *(takes out small hand-held vacuum cleaner)*....this will do....