

**GOD IS . . . OUR SHEPHERD
“THE LITTLE LOST LAMB”**

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE:

STORY TELLER
SHEPHERD
TWO GYPSY BOYS

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS:

SNOWEY
LAMBS
WILEY COYOTE
DOG
TWO GYPSIES

PROPS:

BOOK, “THE LITTLE LOST LAMB”
BRICK FIREPLACE
STAFF FOR SHEPHERD
SANDALS & ROBE FOR SHEPHERD
TREES
ROCKS
TREE SCENE BACKDROP
ROCK THE WORLD PUPPET STAGE
BROWN PUPPET STAGE WITH DOOR
PAPER CUP
BENCH
ROPE TO TIE COYOTE
BELLS
DOLLARS
TICKET TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

OPENING SONG

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON LEFT & CENTER STAGE

STORY TELLER: *(sitting on bench)* TODAY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD. *(lamb pops up and down behind story teller who doesn't see the lamb, but kids see him. story teller ignores kid's reaction)* I WOULD LIKE TO READ YOU THIS SHORT LITTLE STORY . . . *(opens book, lamb pops up again. kids in audience react)* IS SOMETHING GOIN' ON? *(looks behind, but no one is there)*

KIDS IN AUDIENCE: IT'S A LAMB . . .

STORY TELLER: YES! *(holds up cover to kids)* THIS STORY'S ALL ABOUT A LAMB. IT'S CALLED “THE LITTLE LOST LAMB” . . . *(lamb pops up on right side of puppet stage while story teller looks behind him to his left)*

STORY TELLER: WHAT? . . . I DON'T SEE ANYTHING! *(looks behind to his right while lamb moves to left side of puppet stage out of sight again)* NOW, I'VE GOT TO GET ON WITH THIS STORY SO NO MORE INTERRUPTIONS. . . *(picks book up to read)* NOW, WHERE WAS I? . . .

SNOWEY: *(almost like telling him a secret)* YOU JUST TOLD US THE TITLE, “THE LITTLE LOST LAMB.”

STORY TELLER: *(shaking his head “yes”)* THAT'S RIGHT, THANK YOU. *(looks back and sees the lamb and is shocked)* WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SNOWEY: OH, I'M JUST HANGIN' AROUND, CLIMBING ROCKS, LISTENING TO YOU READ ABOUT A LITTLE LOST LAMB . . . *(sighs)*

STORY TELLER: AHFFF, I GET IT . . . YOU'RE LOST, AREN'T YOU?

SNOWEY: *(a little embarrassed)* WHO, ME? I'M NOT LOST . . .

STORY TELLER: FINE. BACK TO THE STORY *(picks book up to read)* ONCE UPON A . . .

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SNOWEY: I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I AM . . . I'M RIGHT HERE WITH YOU!

STORY TELLER: OH, BOY! ARE YOU GONNA BE QUIET AND LISTEN TO THIS STORY?

SNOWEY: WHAT STORY? OH, THE ONE ABOUT THE LITTLE LOST LAMB WHO *(story teller grabs lamb's lips between fingers)* RRRRRR RRRR RRRRR . . .

STORY TELLER: *(begins to read)* ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A PASTURE FAR AWAY WAS A SHEPHERD . . . *(lamb is looking at book and is quiet so story teller lets go of lips)*

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE RIGHT

SHEPHERD: *(obviously trying not to fall asleep, yawning, is counting as sheep are bobbing up)* NINETY-FOUR, NINETY-FIVE,

DOG: *(barks to wake up shepherd)*

SHEPHERD: OH, NINETY-SIX . . . *(dog is watching and occasionally barking. Coyote pops up amidst sheep)*

SHEPHERD: *(says to dog)* IT'S A COYOTE! GET HIM, BUSTER! *(dog and coyote play chase three times. Dog comes up where he last saw Coyote on opposite side of puppet stage. lambs are popping up, bleating “Baa”)* HE'S OVER THERE . . . NOW, HE'S OVER THERE! GET HIM BUSTER! *(sheep hide)*

Dog and coyote end up in center of wall, back to back . . . looking for each other; they turn around and see each other and dive down and fight below wall. Noises are fierce! . . . suddenly there is silence. Shepherd looks at audience and gestures “what?” with hands. Then, the tied-up coyote is thrown at shepherd's feet from behind wall.

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SHEPHERD: (*picks up coyote, looks at audience*) NOT BAD, BUSTER.
(*throws coyote out side door*) WHAT A DOG! (*pets dog*) GOOD JOB! O.K.
(*to kids*) WHAT NUMBER WAS I ON? WAS IT 96 OR 97? (*they tell him 96*)
THAT’S RIGHT, 96 . . . O.K. . . . 97, 98, 99 . . . OH NO, BUSTER; WE’RE
MISSING ONE! . . . (*looking around*) . . . WE’RE MISSING SNOWEY! WE
MUST HAVE LOST HER WHEN WE WERE IN THE CANYON BY THOSE
BIG ROCKS. I’VE GOT TO FIND HER! SHE COULD BE HURT! BUSTER,
YOU WATCH THE 99 SHEEP WHILE I GO FIND SNOWEY, MY POOR
LITTLE LOST LAMB . . . (*goes down center aisle, calling*) SNOWEY!

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON CENTER STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS
UP ON PORTABLE & LOWER STAGE LEFT

Shepherd meets gypsy boys by puppet stage below stage left.

GYPSY BOYS: (*ringing bells to get shepherd’s attention & calling . . .*) CAMELS
FOR SALE - TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, SUCH A DEAL! (*stop when gypsy
puppets call shepherd*)

GYPSY PUPPET#1: PSSST! PSSST! . . . HEY, YOU WITH THE STICK . . . (*the
gypsies are scalping tickets to Magic Mountain*) YOU LOOK SO TIRED.

SHEPHERD: YES, AND THIRSTY. I COULD REALLY USE A DRINK OF WATER.

GYPSY PUPPET#2: HERE YOU GO. (*hands paper cup to shepherd*)

SHEPHERD: THANK YOU! GLUG, GLUG, GLUG . . . (*gives cup back*)

GYPSY PUPPET#2: THAT WILL BE TWO DOLLARS . . PLEASE . . .

SHEPHERD: TWO DOLLARS? OH, WELL, . . . (*pays him*)

GYPSY PUPPET#1: YOU LOOK LIKE YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME FUN . . . I
HAVE HERE AN EXTRA TICKET TO A MAGICAL PLACE . . . ONLY \$25.

SHEPHERD: (*looks shocked*) TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS? WHAT’S THE NAME
OF THIS PLACE?

GYPSY PUPPET#1: IT’S CALLED . . . (*sneaks closer to shepherd and speaks sneakily*)
“MAGIC MOUNTAIN!”

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SHEPHERD: MAGIC MOUNTAIN?

GYPSY PUPPET #1: YOU NEVER HEARD OF IT? IT'S LIKE DISNEYLAND.

SHEPHERD: DISNEYLAND? NEVER HEARD OF IT.

GYPSY PUPPET#1: GEEESH! YOU DON'T GET AROUND MUCH, DO YOU? I BET YOU'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN ON A ROLLER COASTER. HEY KIDS, WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD HE GO TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN? (*kids respond*)

SHEPHERD: NO, NO. I CAN'T GO! I'VE GOT TO FIND MY LOST LAMB, SNOWEY. (*walks up stairs and off stage left*)

GYPSY PUPPET#2: (*to kids*) BOY, HE PASSED UP A TRIP TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN - JUST TO FIND THAT ONE LOST SHEEP. THIS SHEEP MUST BE VERY SPECIAL! . . . HMMM. (*thinking*) I WONDER WHY? . . .

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - WE NEED A SHEPHERD

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON RIGHT & CENTER STAGE

SNOWEY: (*crying*) WHAAA! WHAAAA!

STORY TELLER: (*to kids*) AH HH, HE'S CRYING BECAUSE THAT SHEPHERD REALLY LOVES HIS LAMB. . .

SNOWEY: (*sniffling*) NOOOO.

STORY TELLER: THEN, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

SNOWEY: I WANT TO GO TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN . . .

STORY TELLER: OH, BROTHER . . .

SNOWEY: AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT POOR LITTLE SHEEP . . . HE MIGHT MEET A TERRIBLE STRANGER OR . . . OR MAYBE THAT COYOTE WILL FIND HIM . . . (*shakes with fear*)

STORY TELLER: LET'S GO ON WITH THE STORY AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS.

SNOWEY: (*pleads*) WILL YOU HOLD MY HAND?

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STORY TELLER: O.K. *(takes hand)*

LIGHT CUE - UP STAGE LEFT & PORTABLE STAGE

STORY TELLER: THE SHEPHERD CONTINUED TO SEARCH . . . HE WAS READY TO FIGHT ANY COYOTE OR WOLF TO SAVE HIS LITTLE LOST SHEEP . . . NOW THE SHEEP WILL NOT FOLLOW A STRANGER, THEY KNOW THE VOICE OF THEIR SHEPHERD, AND THAT SHEPHERD, HE CALLS HIS SHEEP BY NAME.

SHEPHERD: *(slowly comes out stage left, down stairs, across front, calling once)* “SNOWEY!!” . . . *(continues down side aisle and returns up center aisle)*

SNOWEY: *(starts running & looking around)* WAIT A MINUTE. . . DID YOU HEAR THAT?

STORY TELLER: HEAR WHAT? WE’VE GOT TO FINISH THIS STORY. . .

SHEPHERD: “SNOOOWWWEYYY!!” . . . *(comes up to top of aisle)*

SNOWEY: HEY, I KNOW THAT VOICE . . . AND . . . THAT’S . . . THAT’S MY NAME . . .

SHEPHERD: KIDS, HAS ANYONE SEEN MY LITTLE LOST LAMB? . . . HER NAME IS SNOWEY. *(kids point to Snowey)*

SNOWEY: *(jumping up and down)* I’M HERE, OVER HERE!

SHEPHERD: *(leaps up from portable to stage)* SNOWEY, YOU’RE SAFE . . .

STORY TELLER: SNOWEY, HUH? I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WEREN’T LOST?

SNOWEY: I’M NOT LOST *(looks up at shepherd)* I’M FOUND!

SHEPHERD: *(to story teller)* THANK YOU FOR WATCHING OUT FOR MY LITTLE LAMB. *(story teller nods)* COME ON, SNOWEY, IT’S TIME TO GO HOME *(picks lamb up in arms, puts hand in puppet)*

SNOWEY: SHEPHERD . . .

SHEPHERD: *(walking down center aisle slowly, hugging lamb)* YES, SNOWEY?

SNOWEY: CAN WE GO . . . TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN?

SHEPHERD: YEAH, I THINK I KNOW WHERE I CAN GET SOME TICKETS.

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WORSHIP LEADER: REPEAT AFTER ME:

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD;
AND I KNOW MY OWN,
AND MY OWN KNOW ME.

JOHN 10:14

WORSHIP LEADER: CLOSING PRAYER

CUE SONG - WE NEED A SHEPHERD
