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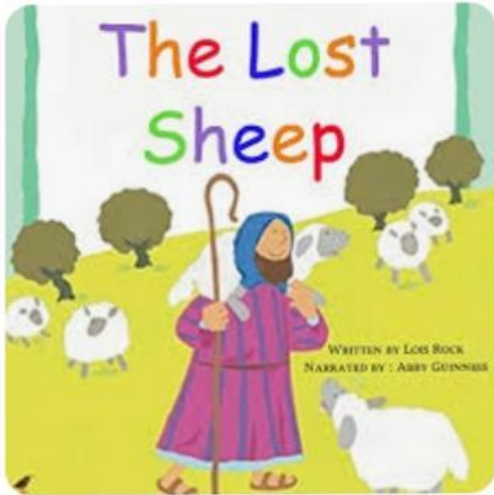
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The Setting

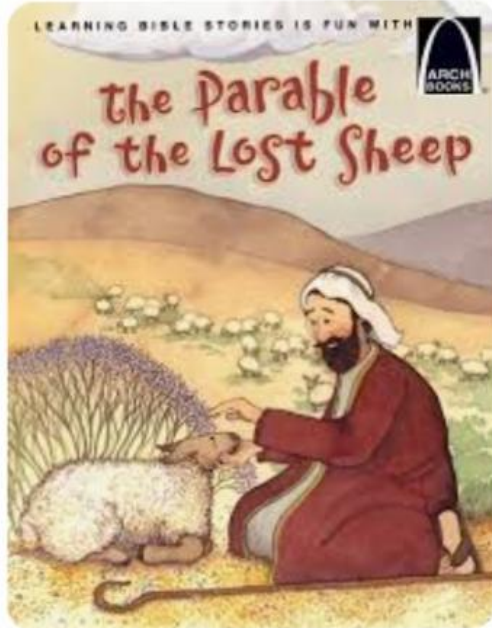
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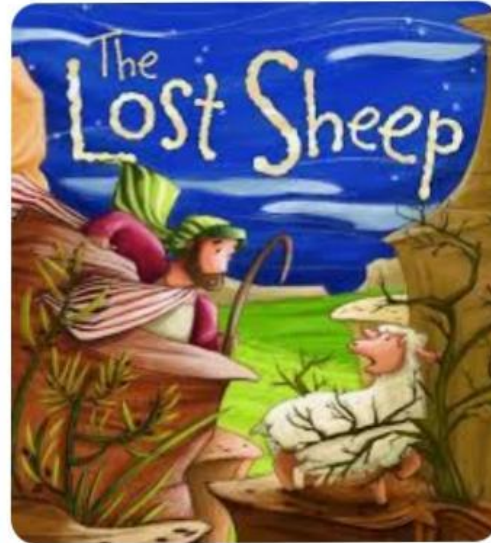
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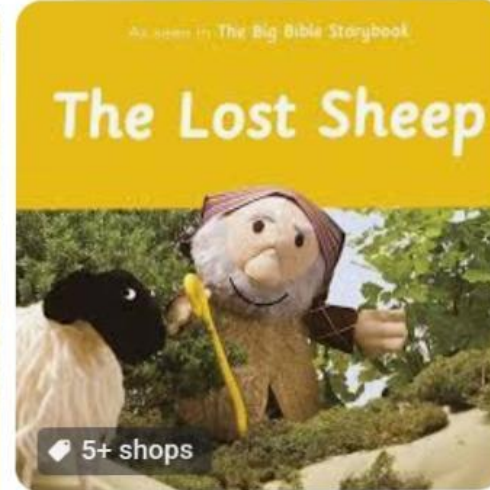
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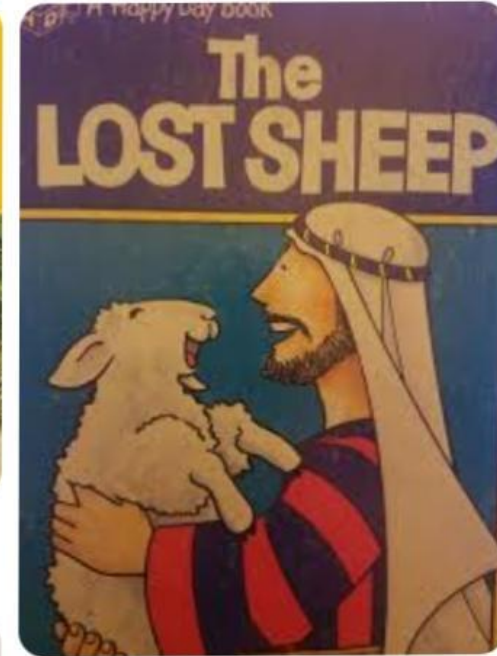
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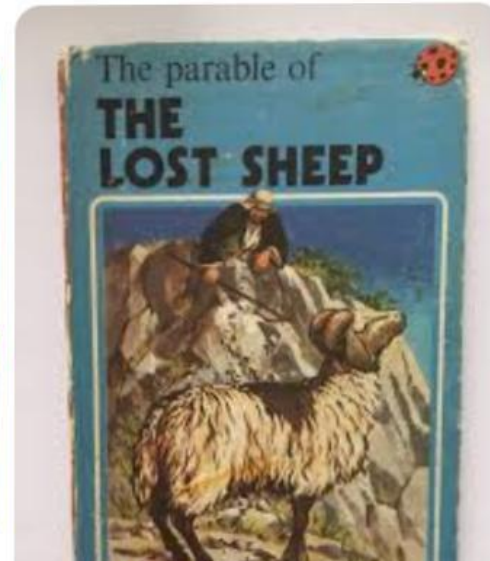
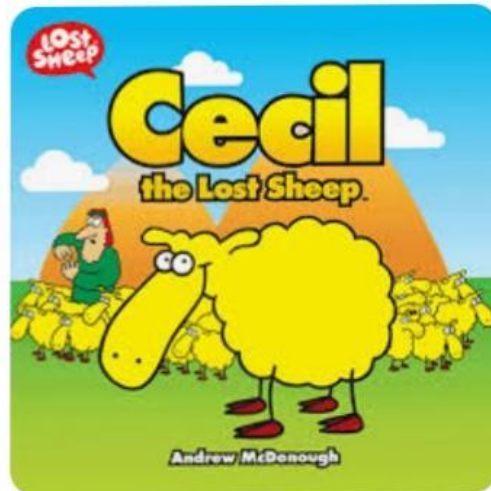
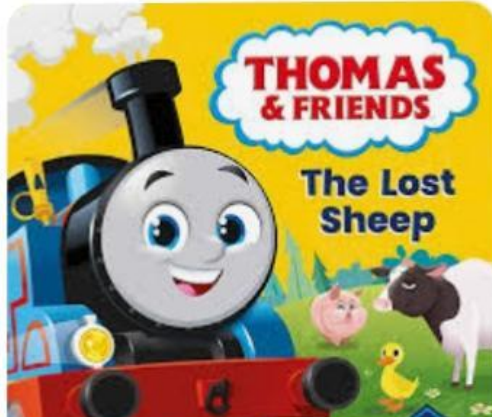
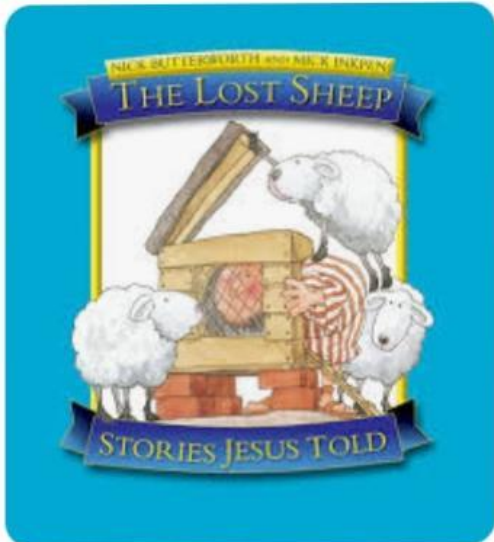
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The Setting

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Three groups of hearers

The Pharisees

The Sinners

The Disciples

Which are you?

The Setting

Imagine today...

The Story

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Ezekiel 34:11-112

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness

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The Self-righteous

The Disciples

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The call to Repentance isn't a demand to start being Religious

The call to Repentance is an Invitation to God's Mercy

The Significance

John 10:2-5

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice

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