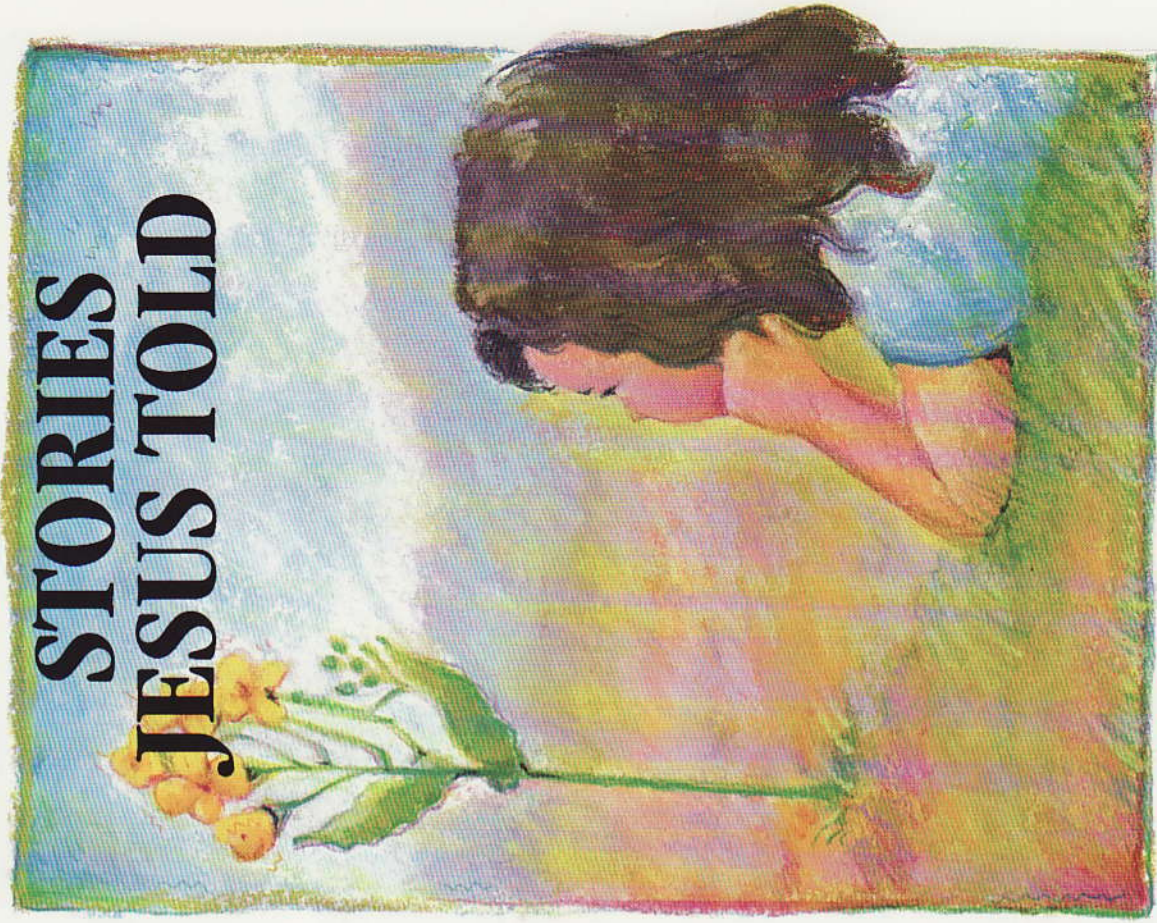


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The Mustard Seed

There was a tiny mustard seed,
as small as it could be



It fell upon the dark brown earth
and grew into a tree.



The tree was like
a great big bush with
branches wide for shade,

So birds could come and
nestle there, safe and unafraid.



The Lost Coin

There was a gentle woman
who had ten coins of silver.



She kept the money in her house,
safe and under cover.



But one day, a coin was missing.
O now, what should she do?

She lit a lamp and
took her broom and
swept the whole place through.



She found the coin
she thought was lost.

“Rejoice with me,” she said.



The Good Shepherd

The shepherd counted every sheep . . . Ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine. . .



“Where, O where,” he said,
“is that other sheep of mine?”

He went to find
the missing sheep,
a little one gone astray.



He searched the valleys
and the hills,



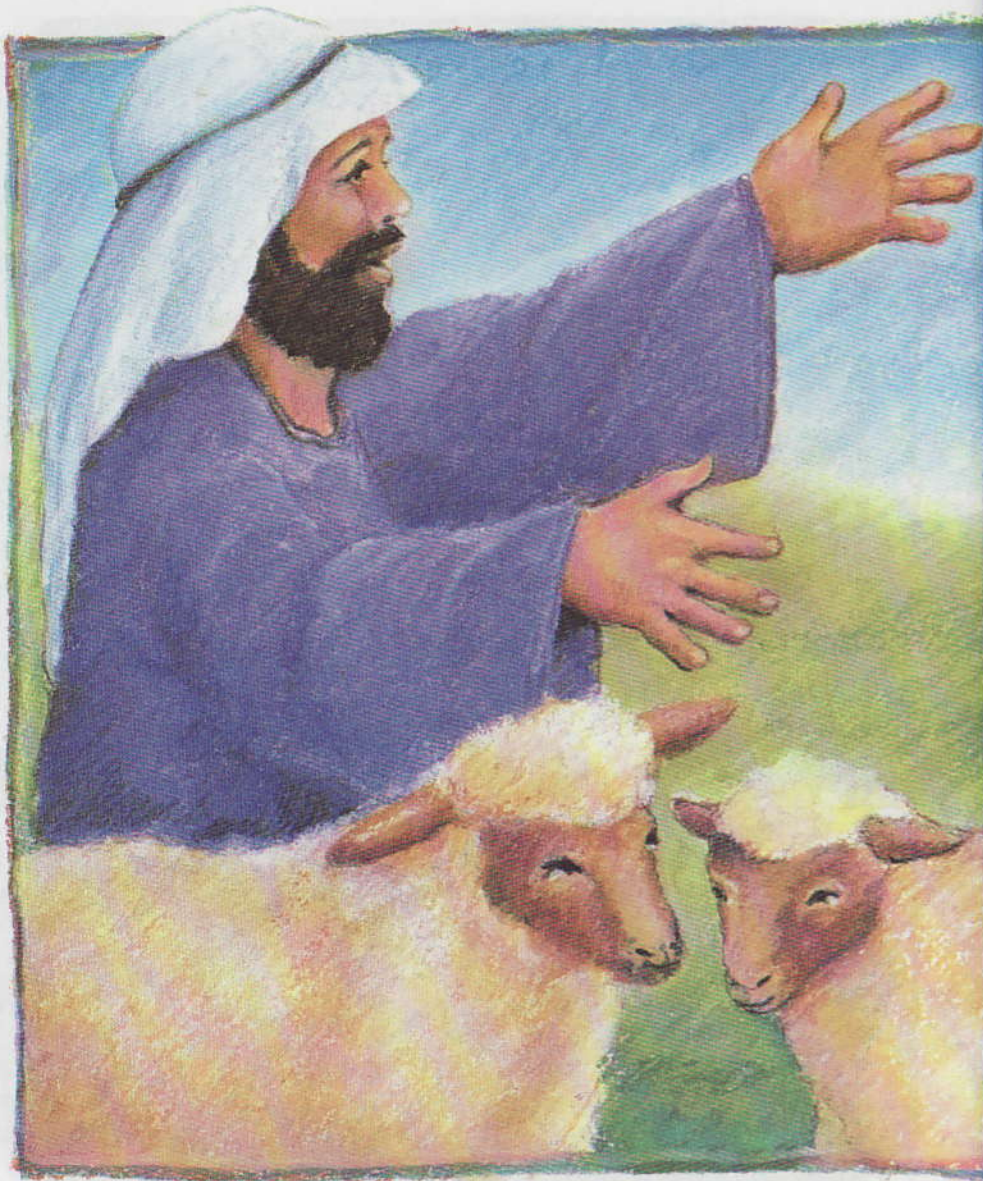
And he found it where it lay.



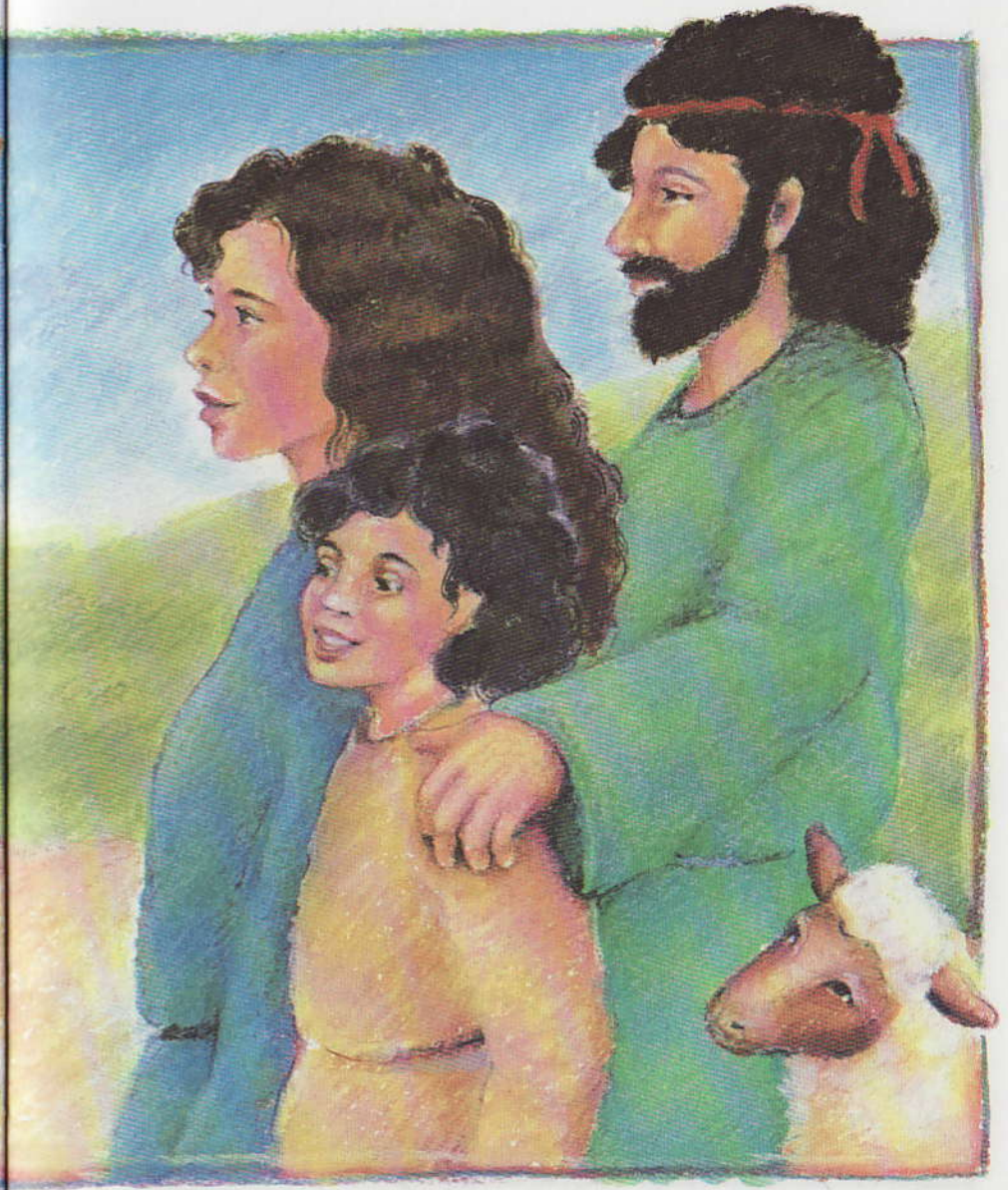
The rescued sheep
was lifted high,
held in the shepherd's arm,



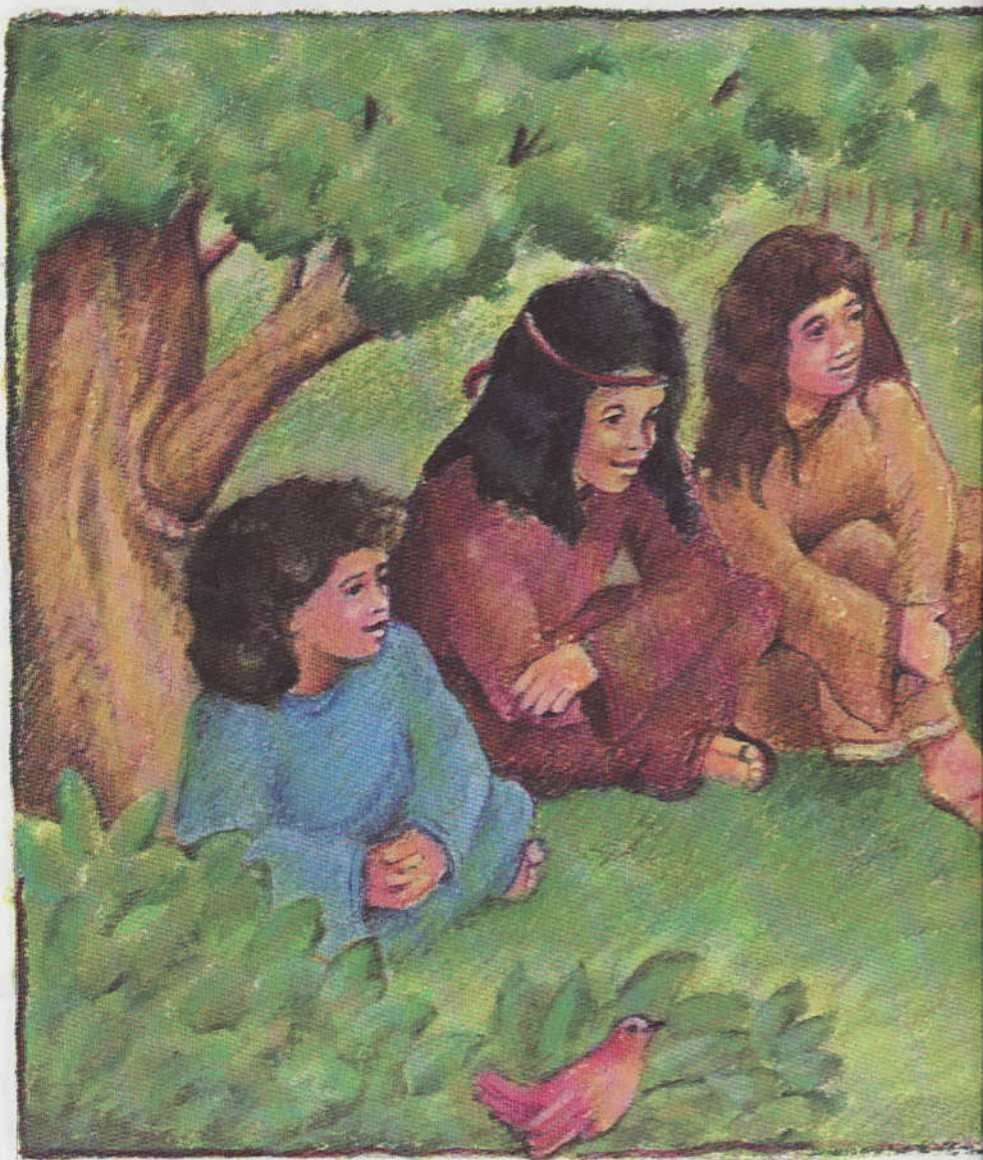
and carried back to
join the flock,
safe and free from harm.



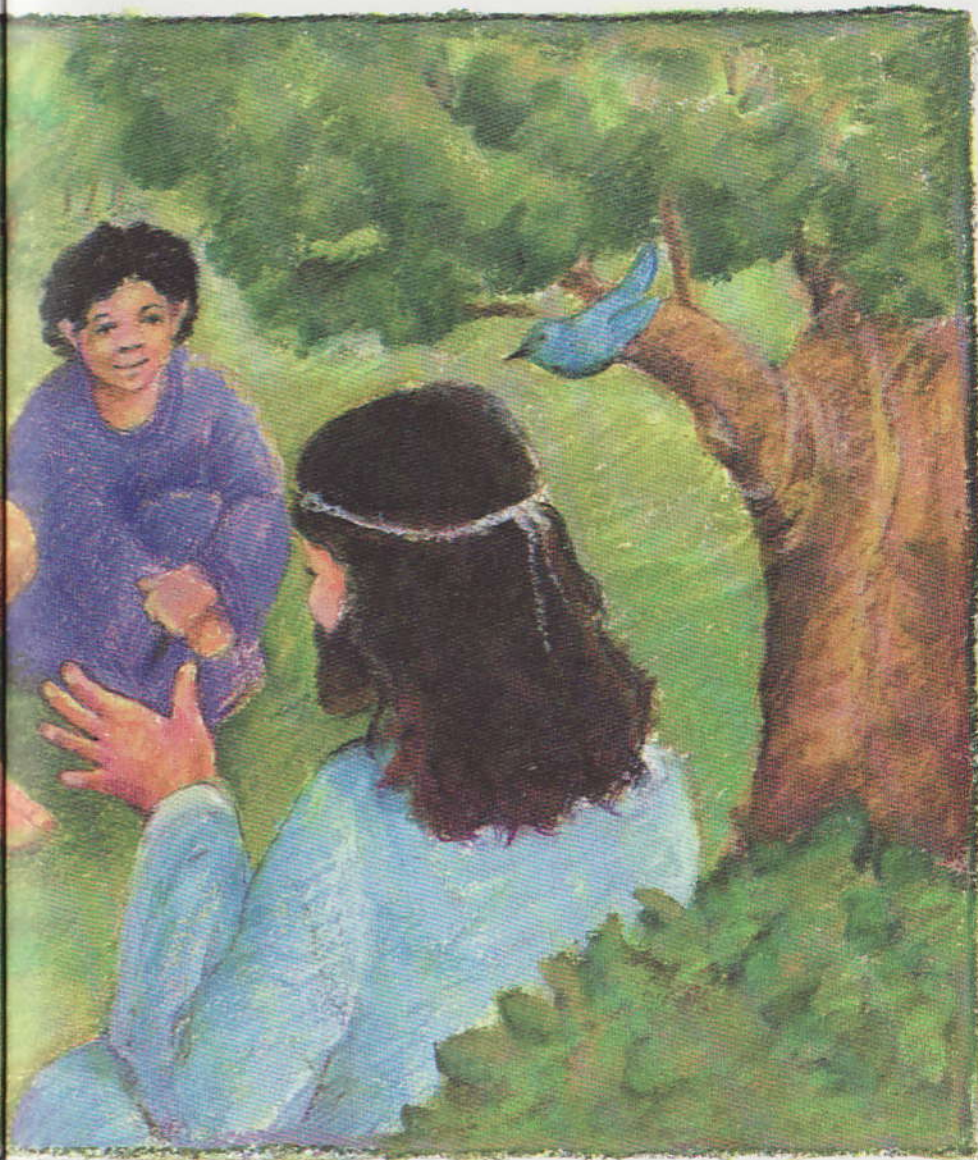
“My sheep was lost. Rejoice!”
he said.



“Come and gather 'round.”



So Jesus, our Good Shepherd,



Sings when we are found.

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