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Jesus Christ

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About the Bible

Let Us Pray

Leader: Jesus called God the Father his shepherd.
He watches over all of us.

“The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I lack.” **Psalm 23:1**

All: Help us to trust in you, O God. Amen.

God's Word

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people. God's promise from long ago came true...“I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.”

Based on Matthew 13:34–35

What Do You Wonder?

- What are some of the stories that Jesus told?
- Where do you find the stories that Jesus tells us?



We Learn from Stories

How is God like a shepherd?

Jesus was a wonderful storyteller. His stories tell about God's love. Jesus told this story about a shepherd.



1. Underline what went wrong in the story.
2. Circle what the shepherd did.



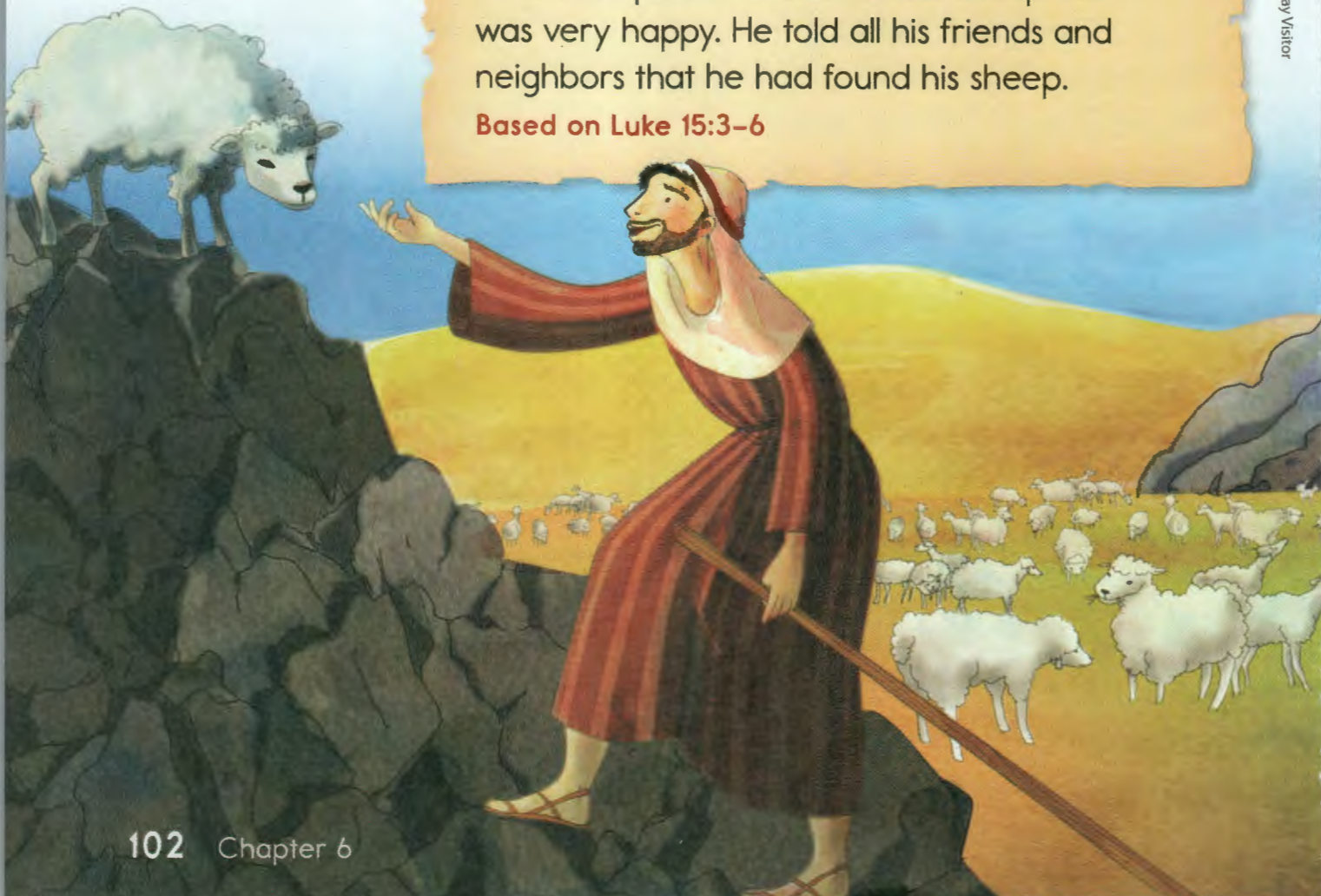
God's Word

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

There was a shepherd. He cared for 100 sheep. One sheep ran away. The shepherd was very worried. The shepherd left all his other sheep. He had to find the sheep that ran away.

The shepherd found the lost sheep. He was very happy. He told all his friends and neighbors that he had found his sheep.

Based on Luke 15:3-6



Our Shepherd

In this story, the shepherd is like God. The sheep are like people. God does not want you to leave him. He will watch over you all the time, just like a shepherd.

When you make bad choices, you are like the lost sheep. Even when you don't choose what is right, God always wants you to come back to him. He wants you to love him and others. He wants you to know that he will always be there for you no matter what.



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Share Your Faith

Think Draw lines to match the questions to the correct answers.

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| Who is the shepherd like? ● | ● Lost Sheep |
| Who are the sheep like? ● | ● God |
| What are you like when you make bad choices? ● | ● People |

Share Discuss what God wants for us.

Stories about God

What can you find in the Bible?

A parable is a short story that teaches something important. The story you just read about the lost sheep is a parable. Jesus told parables to teach people about God.



Underline the ways that Jesus is like a shepherd.

Jesus is like a shepherd. He loves all God's people. He always cares for them. Read this parable that Jesus told.



God's Word

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." **John 10:14-15**



The Holy Book

The parable of the Good Shepherd is in the Bible. The Bible is the Word of God written in human words. The Bible is the Church's holy book.

There are two parts to the Bible. The first part is the **Old Testament**. It is about times before Jesus was born.

The second part is the **New Testament**. It tells about Jesus and his followers. The stories and parables that Jesus told are part of the New Testament.

Catholic Faith Words

Old Testament the first part of the Bible about God and his People before Jesus was born

New Testament the second part of the Bible about the life and teachings of Jesus, his followers, and the early Church

Connect Your Faith

Write about the Bible Use a Bible to find the answers to these questions.

1. Find the first book in the Old Testament. Trace the name of the book on the line below.

Genesis

2. Find the first book of the New Testament. Trace the name of the book on the line below.

Matthew



Our Catholic Life

What can you find in the Bible?

The Bible is full of stories about God's love. The words of the Bible tell us how to show love for him and others.

You hear stories from the Bible at church, in school, and at home. You may have seen stories from the Bible made into books or videos.

The Two Parts of the Bible

The Old Testament

Here you will find stories about God and his People before Jesus was born. These stories are about holy men and women like Noah, Moses, Ruth, Jonah, and Daniel.



The New Testament

You will find the parables, or teaching stories, Jesus told here. The New Testament also tells about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the first followers of Jesus.



People of Faith

Saint Paul of the Cross, 1694–1775

Saint Paul of the Cross tried being a soldier, but decided that he wanted to be a priest instead. As a young man he spent a lot of time praying and reading the Bible to learn about Jesus. He read about Jesus' Death on the Cross. He wanted to always remember Jesus' sacrifice. That's why he added the words "of the Cross" to his name. Saint Paul helps us to remember that God is close to us and never forgets us.



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Discuss: What story from the Bible helps you remember God's love?



Learn more about
Saint Paul at
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Live Your Faith

Follow the Maze Use a pencil or crayon to find the right path through the maze so the shepherd can find his lost sheep.



 Let Us Pray

Prayer of Thanks

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for loving us.

All: Thank you, Jesus.

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for taking care of us.

All: Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

 Sing "The Good Shepherd"

Jesus is the Good Shepherd,
he knows his sheep and he loves them.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd;
he loves us all. He loves us all.

Jesus calls our name:

Sing your name twice.

and we come to him running
and running and running
and running and running
and running because we love him.

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches about the Bible, the holy book of the Church and its two parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament—that contain stories about God and his love for us.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 13:10–15** to find out why Jesus used parables to teach.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus told short stories, or parables, to teach others something about God.
- The Bible is the Word of God written in human words.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #134–139 at uscbb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Paul of the Cross. He added the words “of the Cross” to his name to remember Jesus’ sacrifice.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Parables of Jesus First graders are very concrete thinkers. They learn through their senses and often take things literally. Because of this, they may not grasp the meaning of Jesus’ parables, even with explanation. However, familiarity with these important stories Jesus told can lay the foundation for a later, deeper understanding of Jesus’ teaching. When your child knows Jesus’ parables, it will be easier to teach the great truths they convey when he or she is ready to understand.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What is your favorite family story?

Stories of our personal history help us to discover that we are part of a bigger picture. Being a member of the Church helps us to be connected to the stories of salvation history. “The Holy Trinity brought the Church into being. The Father called the Church into existence. The Son established the Church. The Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and wisdom at Pentecost. The Holy Trinity abides with the Church always, creatively and providentially” (*USCCA, pp. 112–113*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Have your child explain what the Bible is.
- Share one of your favorite stories from the Old or New Testaments.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help our family always remember the good things you have done for us and to share those stories with others. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 6 Review

A Work with Words Circle the correct answer.

1. The ____ is God's Word written in human words.

Bible

prayer

2. The ____ is about Jesus' life and teachings.

Old Testament

New Testament

3. A ____ is a short story that teaches something about God.

prayer

parable

4. The ____ is the first part of the Bible about God and his People before Jesus was born.

Old Testament

New Testament

B Check Understanding Draw a heart around the correct answer.

5. How is God like the Good Shepherd?

He is lost

He loves us

