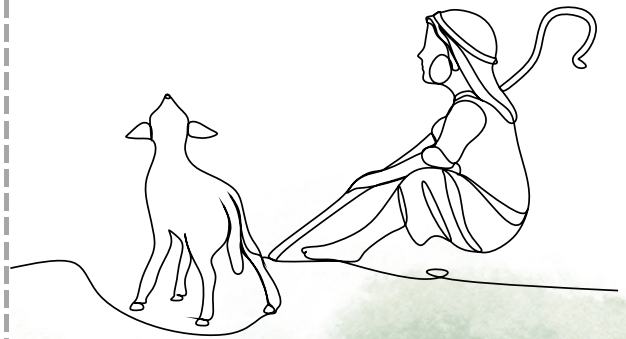


And in the same  
region there were  
shepherds out in  
the field, keeping  
watch over their  
flock by night.

Luke 2:8



On the eleventh day of Advent, we are going to learn about sheep! Did you know that God refers to us as His sheep?

“Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture.” Psalm 100:3

Jesus also teaches a parable about sheep that has great meaning for us today!

“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” Matthew 18:12-14

How special for the Lord to choose to reveal the news of Jesus’ birth to the shepherds that they might be among the first to come and worship Jesus. Our Father is the good shepherd. When we believe on Jesus as Lord and Savior, we belong to His fold, and even if we go astray, He will get every one of His sheep and bring them back to His fold!

On the next page, can you find the little sheep that has gone astray?



