

Welcome, I'm Miss Robin and this is the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids and kids at heart.

Last week we started the story of a little lamb named Libby who often got into trouble because she didn't want to listen to the shepherd. If you haven't heard part one of that story go back and listen to episode 65 so you are all caught up and ready for this episode.

Today we continue the story of Libby the lamb and find out what happened next.

Listen in.

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If you remember Libby the lamb had left her safe home in the green valley to venture up the mountain. When the sun began to set and it grew darker, Libby was cold and scared and then her worst fear happened. She fell.

Let's pick up the story from there ok?

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"I need help!" Libby the lamb cried out in pain.

Looking all around Libby could only see shadows.

She heard the sounds of wolves and coyotes in the distance. The sounds made her wish she was back home safely tucked away under the shepherd's watch.

Libby could feel a needle like pain in her left leg. When she tried to stand up she would fall back down. She was afraid that if she moved too much she could fall off the mountain completely.

"Why did I run away?" Libby thought to herself.

Then she heard a familiar voice from above her.

"Don't move, I'm here to save you."

Libby looked up and could see a gentle glow surrounding the face of the shepherd.

"I need your help." Libby knew she couldn't make it without the shepherd. She would surely die if he didn't rescue her.

How much longer could she stay on the rocky cliff with only bushes keeping her from falling?

“I will save you, little one,” the shepherd called out.

“Just close your eyes and trust me.”

For the first time in her life Libby obeyed.

She closed her eyes and listened to the shepherd's voice.

Pulling out a curved stick the shepherd knelt down and reached out as far as he could risking his own life to rescue Libby.

Libby could feel the gentle pull of the shepherd's staff around her body and his assuring voice as he lifted her into his arms.

“There there my little lamb. You were never meant to feel such pain.”

Her leg hurt but his words helped her as she finally settled down and rested upon his shoulders.

“I will carry you home, don't worry Libby,”

And with that the shepherd carried Libby down the long dark mountain road back to the green valley below.

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Now it's time to talk about the conclusion of our story.

Did the story end like you thought it would?

What was different about your story than Miss Robin's story?

Tell your loved ones about a time when you made a mistake and have them share about a mistake they made.

Do you think that God is like a good shepherd? Do you think he wants to help us or hurt us?

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Ok boys and girls let's say our verse from last week.

I'll say it first then you say it with me, ok?

Mathew 18:13a

...and if he finds the sheep, truly I tell you, he is happier about the one than the ninety-nine he left behind.

Now it's your turn to say it with me.

Ready, here we go.

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In the Bible story that my story comes from Jesus tells us about a man who had 100 sheep and one of them wandered away just like Libby did. The verse we said together tells us that the good shepherd leaves the 99 sheep and goes out to look for the one that had left.

This story was called a parable and it was told so people would understand that Jesus loves them and wants to save them from the pain of sin.

When we do things that go against what God wants for us we often get hurt. But he is our good shepherd. He will never leave us alone. He wants to carry us on his shoulders and take us to the safety of his home.

When I was a little girl my momma told me this story and I wanted to make Jesus my good shepherd.

So my mommy led me in a simple prayer. If you've never asked Jesus to be your good shepherd and would like to do that here's what you could pray.

“Dear Jesus, I know that I often want my own way, but I know you want me to follow you. Please forgive me for being disobedient and carry me on your shoulders into your family.”  
Thank you - Amen

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There is nothing magical about the prayer we just prayed. We are simply talking to Jesus. Remember, Jesus is God and when we talk to him he listens. He wants us to come to him and let him teach us and guide us.

He wants what's good for us and when he asks us to do something it's not because he wants to hurt us, it's because he loves us and knows what's best for us. After all, he made us!

Jesus loves children. In fact he tells adults to believe like a child. I don't know about you but that makes me so happy.

I'd like to end with a simple song. If you know it you can sing along. If you don't then just listen and hear the words in your head.

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.*

*They are weak but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.*

*The Bible tells me so.*

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I'm so glad you joined me today. I hope you enjoyed the story of Libby the lost lamb. If you haven't heard the stories from season 1 & 2 or the first couple stories from season 3 go back and listen. There are lots of stories to choose from.

If you'd like to see real pictures of all the animals in my stories, and coloring pages you can download, have your adult take you to my website at [www.robinmarie.org](http://www.robinmarie.org)

Your parents can also find Miss Robin on my instagram account at robinmarie59.

Don't forget our coloring contest is still going on! Listen to my bonus episode for all the details, it's FUN!

I'll leave you with this reminder, Jesus loves you and wants you to love him back. Won't you be part of his family?

See you next time.

