

The Parables of Jesus



Joy



Peace

Wisdom



Dignity



Community

Hope





We have gathered together

to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

and to think about the Parable of the lost sheep

Today we are thinking about the value joy.



What emotion do
you think sums up
this picture?

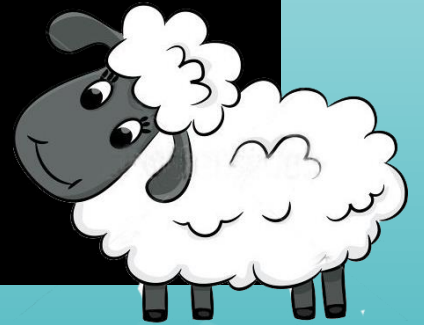
What might have
happened to make
the boy feel this
way?



What will happen
when he goes
home and tells
his good news to
his family?



The lost sheep



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The lost sheep

How would you describe the emotion of the shepherd when he arrives home?



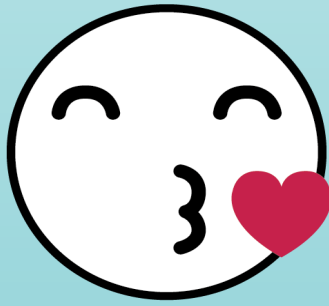
You can see six emotion faces on the screen.
Each one has a letter by it.



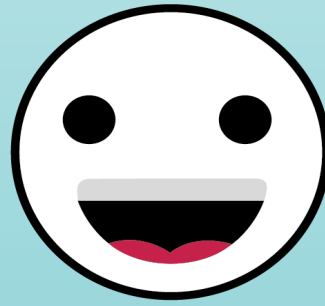
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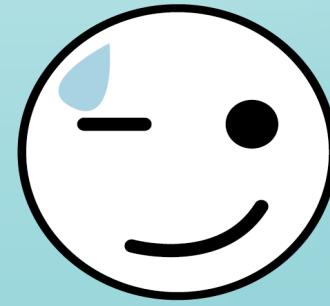
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I will now read the story of the lost sheep. Think about which face goes with each part of the story as it is told.

When the letters are in the right order, they will spell a word.

The caring shepherd



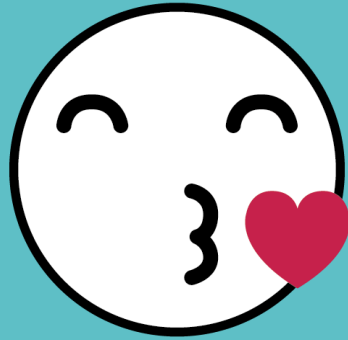
There was once a shepherd who had 100 sheep.
He knew and loved each one of them.



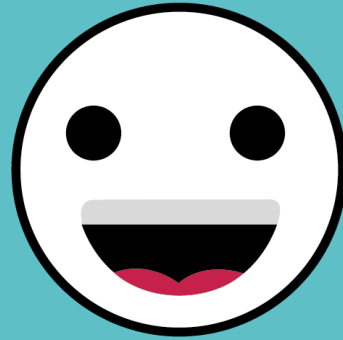
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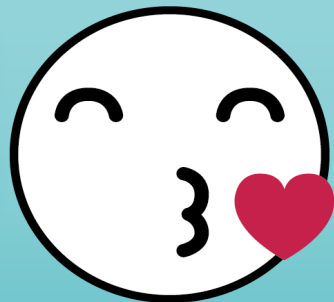
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Loved = J

Everyday he took his sheep out on to the hills to find grass for them to eat. It was tiring work.

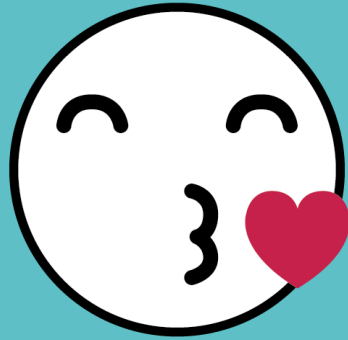




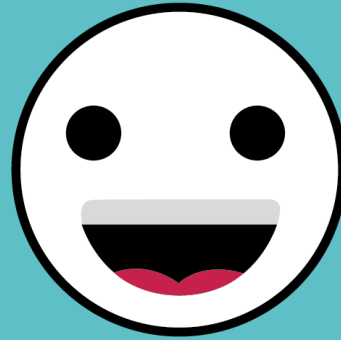
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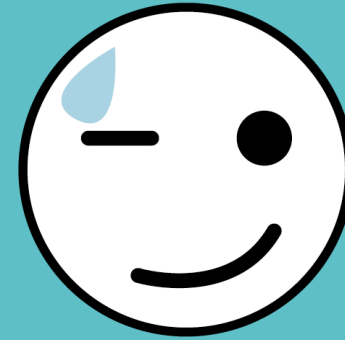
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Tiring = 0

When he returned home, the shepherd counted his sheep back into the fold as usual, but on this day he only got to 99! The shepherd was horrified. One of his precious sheep was missing.

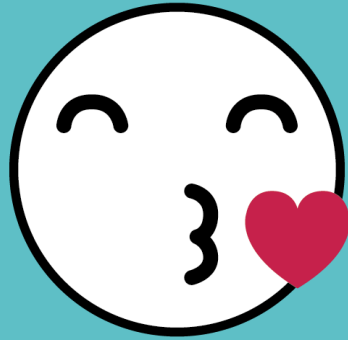




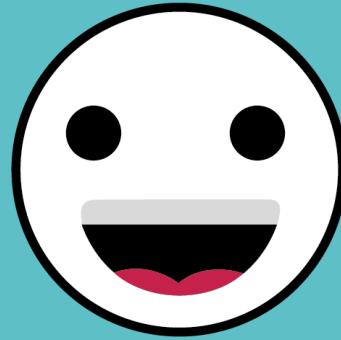
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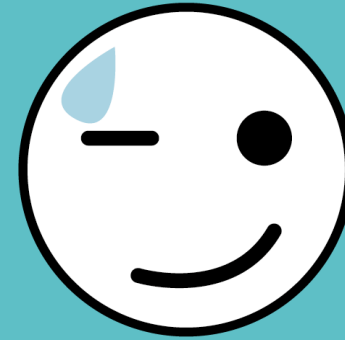
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Horrified = y

The shepherd left the other 99 and went out into the night, determined to find the sheep who was lost before a wolf found it!





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Determined = F

After he had walked many miles, he heard a faint cry.
The shepherd followed the sound and, to his relief,
found the sheep trapped but unharmed.

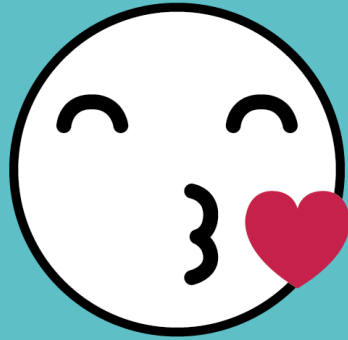




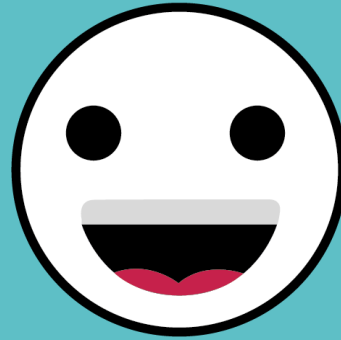
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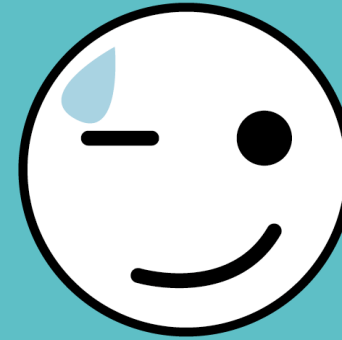
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Relief = U

He gently freed the little sheep and carefully carried it home. When he got back, he woke everyone up. Let's have a party he shouted excitedly. You must celebrate with me because the sheep that was lost is found!





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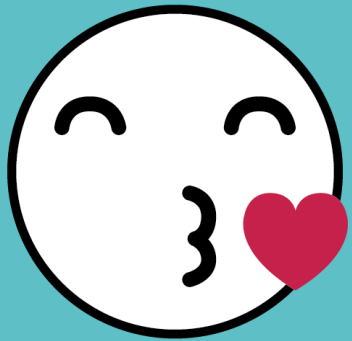
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Excitedly = L



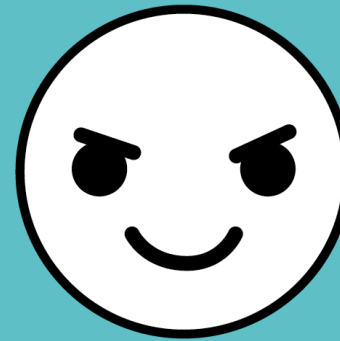
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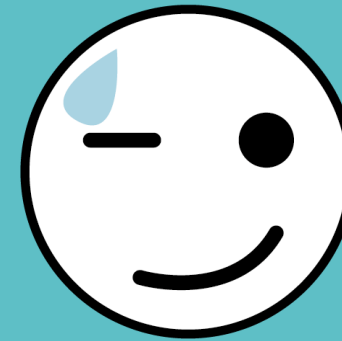
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J-O-Y-F-U-L

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J-o-y-f-u-l,

It's a word **anyone** can spell,

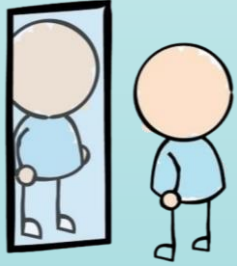
We can't wait till **things** go well

To be **j-o-y** with an **f-u-l**!

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Reflecting



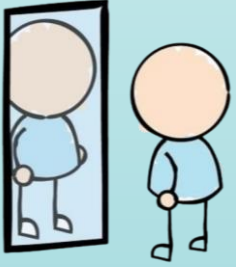
How would it be if had wondered off.
Would their teacher say...

It doesn't matter, let them go, we still have the rest of the class.

If they couldn't be found in school what would happen next?

Why would the teachers go to such trouble to find just one missing child?

Reflecting



The parable of the Lost Sheep is often called the Parable of the Good Shepherd because just as the shepherd cares for every one of his sheep, so Christians believe that Father God, like the shepherd, cares for every one of his children.



Responding



I'll now share a prayer. If you would like to make the prayer your own, join in with the Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.



