The Lost Sheep



A story Jesus told



Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep. Let’s listen.



The shepherd had one hundred sheep. A hundred! A whole flock to care for. But every single sheep mattered to him.



One day, one sheep was missing. Just one. The other ninety-nine were still there, but where was that little sheep?



The shepherd left the ninety-nine and went to find the one that was lost. That one sheep mattered too.



He looked across the hills. He looked along the path. He kept searching until he found his sheep.



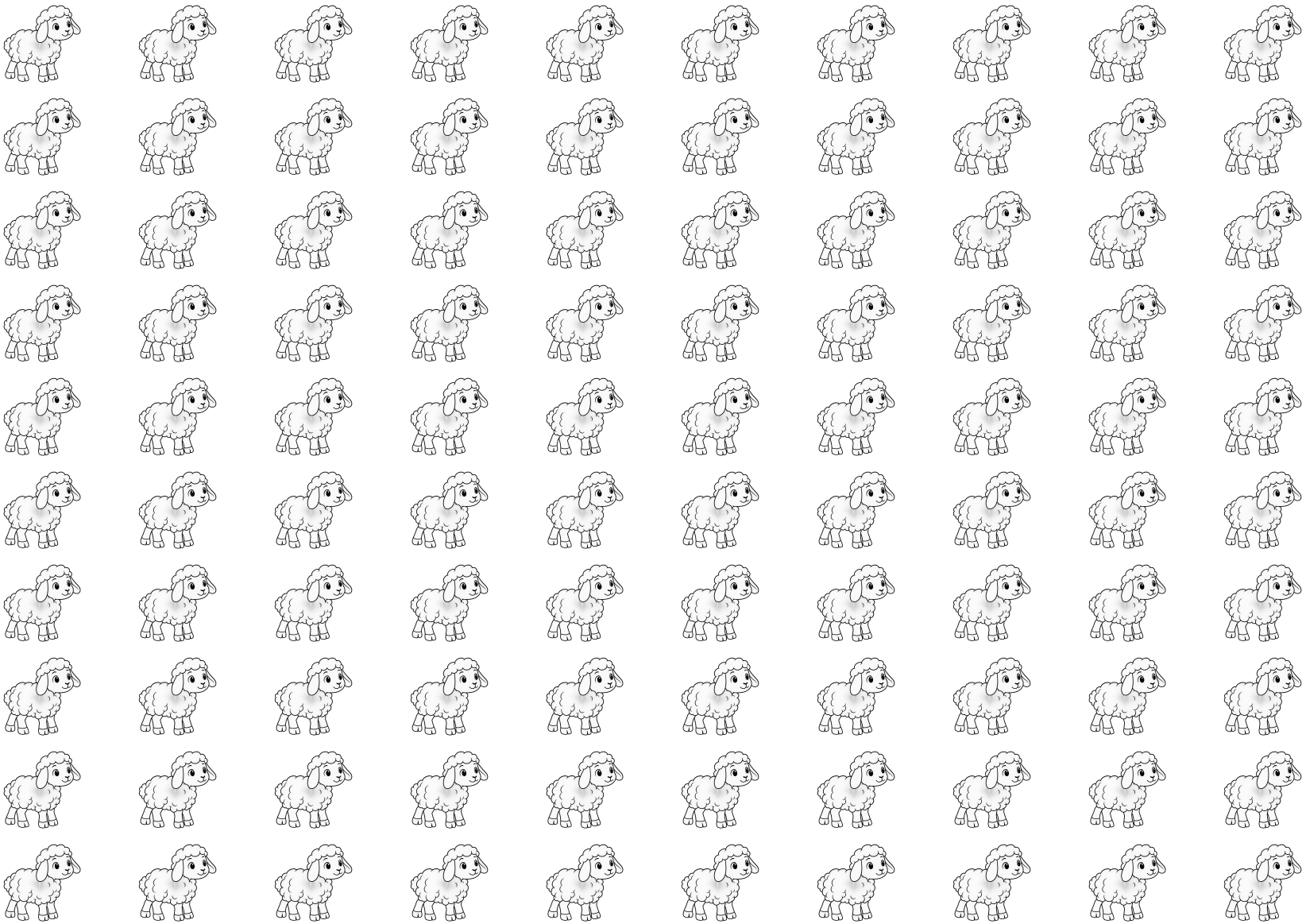
There it was! The shepherd was so happy. He had found his lost sheep!



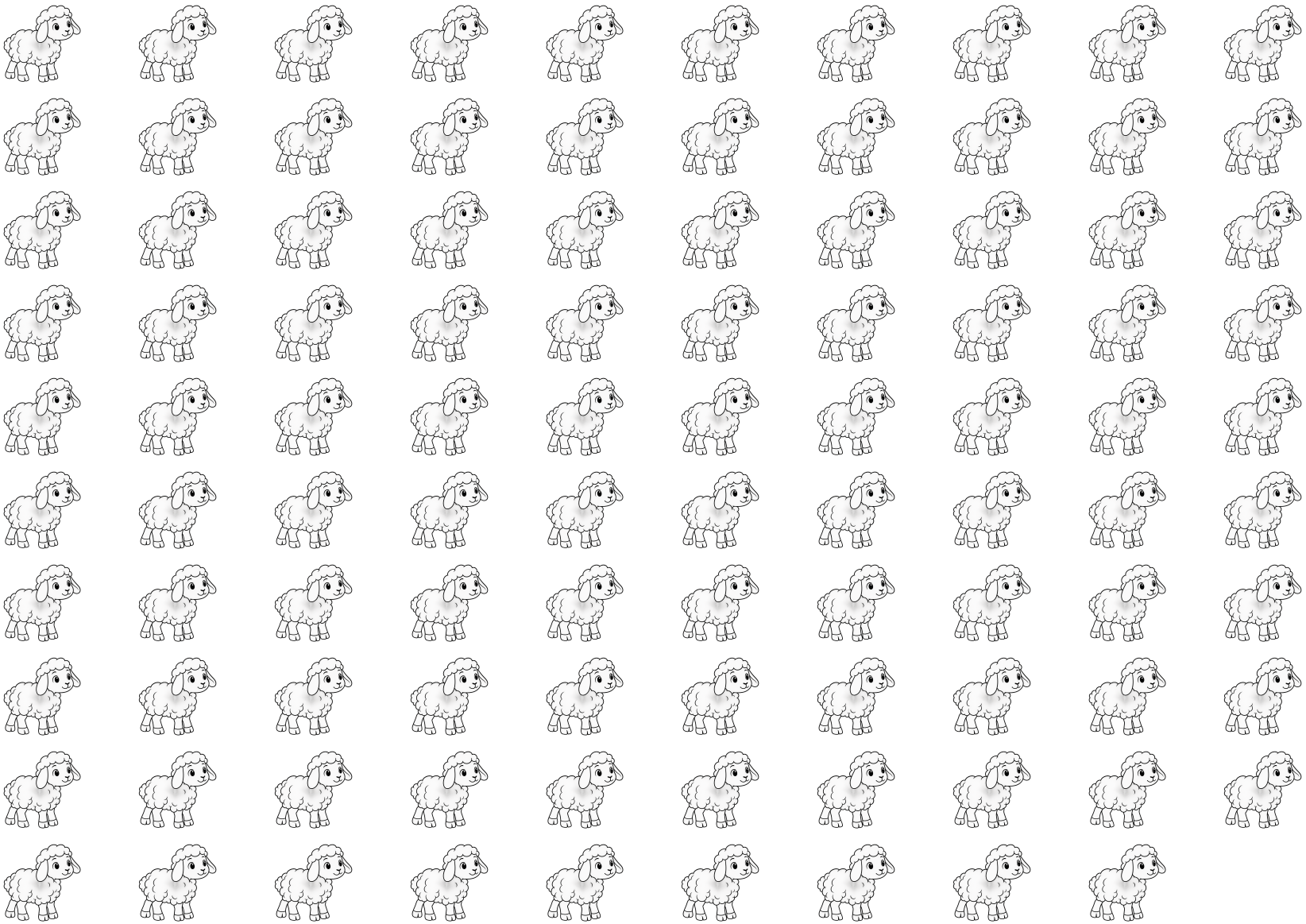
He lifted it onto his shoulders and carried it home. Then he called his friends and neighbours to celebrate with him.



The shepherd had one hundred sheep. But he went looking for just one. Jesus loves each and every one of us. You matter to him too!



One hundred sheep. Every single one matters.



Ninety-nine together. One apart.



Each one of us matters

Jesus said:

I tell you, there is joy in heaven when even one person turns away from doing wrong and comes back to God.

Original child-friendly paraphrase of Luke 15:7

The story: Luke 15:3-7

Jesus’s love: John 15:9

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