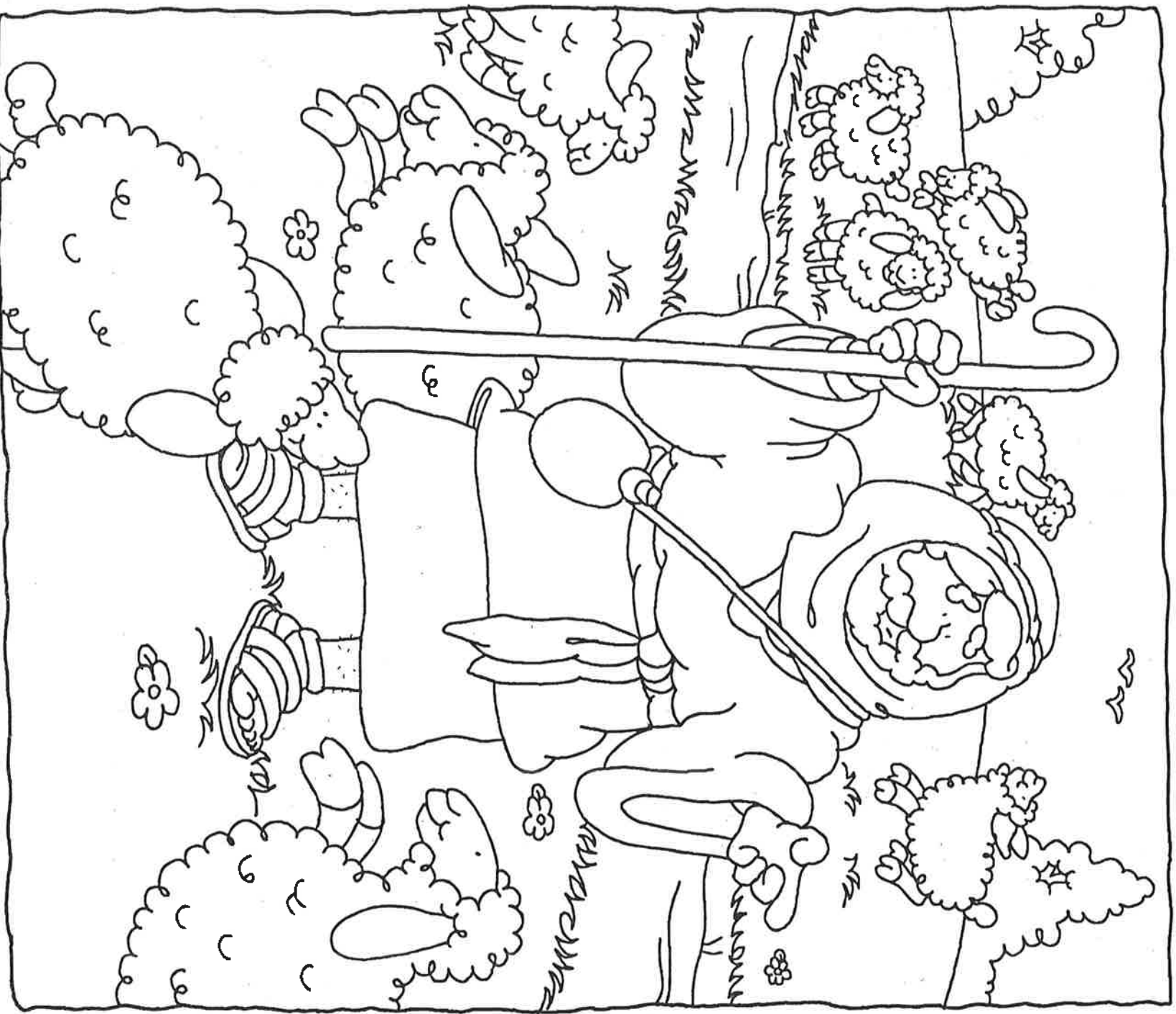




Many people loved to hear the stories Jesus told.
They walked for miles and gathered 'round to listen, young and old.



Jesus told about a shepherd who was kind and good.
He led one hundred sheep to find some green, green grass for food.



One day the shepherd counted but saw only ninety-nine.
"Oh no! I wonder where he went, that little sheep of mine?"



The shepherd started looking for the lost sheep so alone.
He searched all day and found the sheep and brought him safely home.



The shepherd was so full of joy to find his sad lost sheep.
The sheep, so loved and cared for, cuddled up and went to sleep.



Just like the shepherd knows each sheep and cares for them, it's true—
Jesus knows each one of us and cares for me and you.