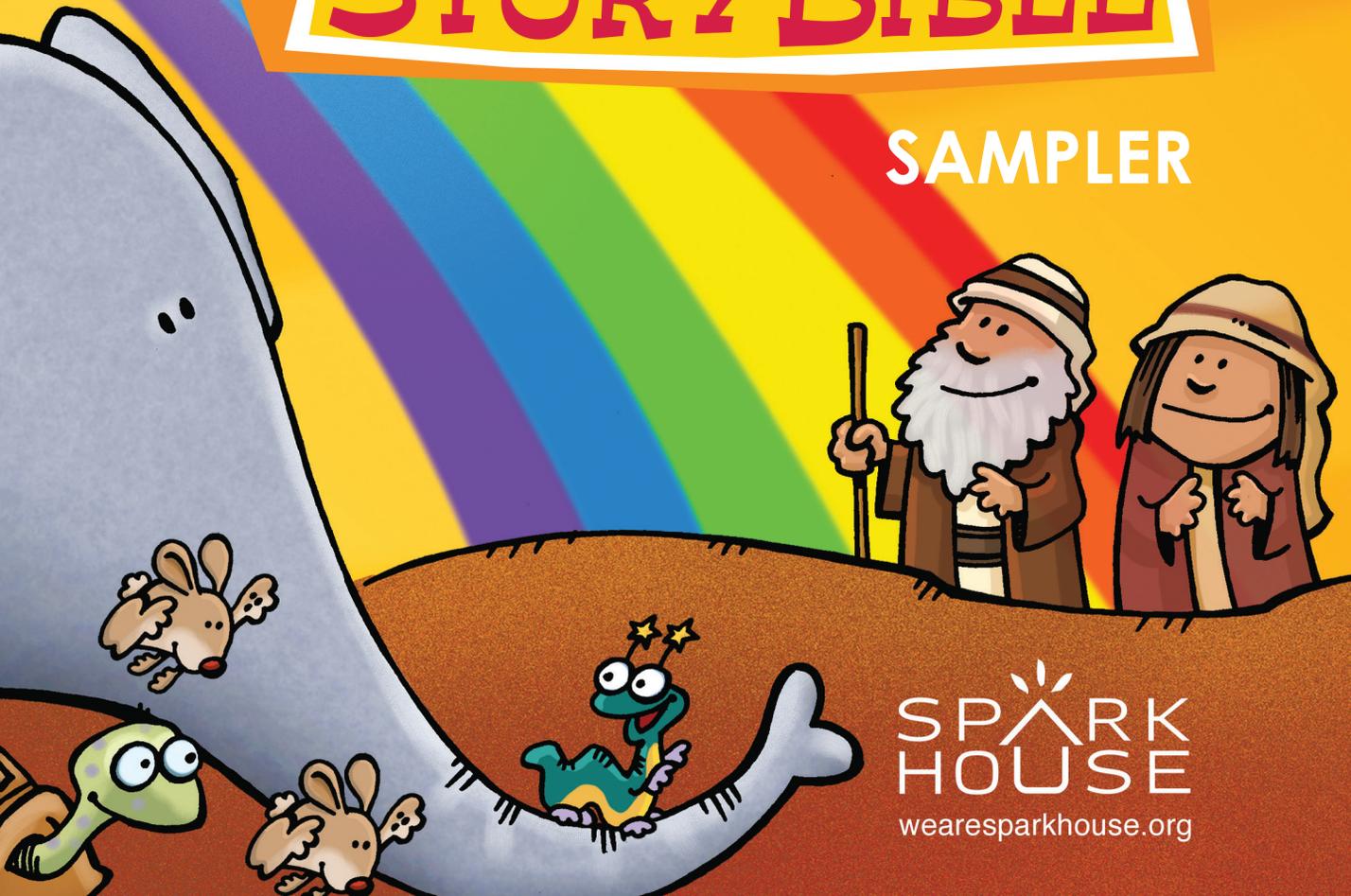




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The Good Shepherd

Jesus wanted people to know that he would always love them and take care of them. He called himself the “good shepherd” and told people that they were like sheep. Some people didn’t understand, so Jesus told them this story.

The little lamb was lost. “Ba-a-a!” said the little lamb. “Ba-a-a-a!” The sun slowly slid out of sight.



The little lamb shivered in the cold night air. “Ba-a-a!” He smelled danger. Nearby, a hungry wolf hid behind a thorny bush. “Ba-a-a!” cried the little lamb. “Ba-a-a!”

Down in the valley, a shepherd guarded his flock of sheep, watching and listening. The animals slept peacefully in the cool, green grass. A small stream delicately danced in the evening breeze. A gust of wind swept across the valley. The shepherd paused.

“Ba-a-a,” he heard in the distance. “Ba-a-a-a!” He knew the voice of his little lamb. Even though it was dark, the shepherd started up the rocky path that led toward the lost lamb.



“Don’t be afraid,” the shepherd called out. “I will find you. I will keep you safe!”

The little lamb heard the shepherd’s voice. Slowly, he stumbled down the path. A branch scraped his leg.

“Ba-a-a!” he cried. The little lamb was scared. He waited for the shepherd to find him. “Ba-a-a!” he said.

“Ba-a-a-a!”

When the shepherd reached the lamb, he gently picked him up and held him close. “There you are,” said the shepherd. “I have found you. I will carry you home.”



After he told this story Jesus said, “See, I am a shepherd, too. Just like a good shepherd cares for each and every sheep in the flock, I care for each and every one of you.”

★ Hide a stuffed animal and ask a “shepherd” to find it. Say “Ba-a-a” when the “shepherd” gets close to it.

