

COBIE



often wanders away
and needs help staying
with the flock



needs help finding fresh
grass and water so he
can be healthy and safe



needs a shepherd or
farmer to protect him
from wolves and other
predators

SHEP



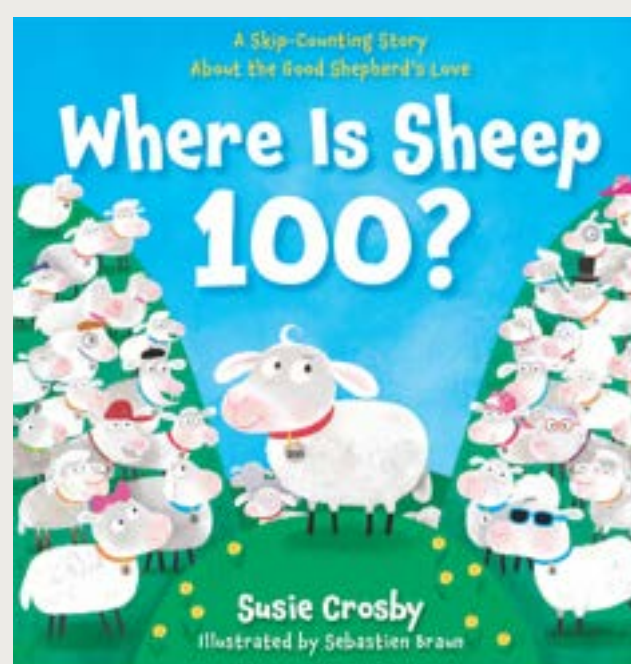
counts and cares
for each of his
sheep every day



keeps his sheep in safe
green pastures and
brings them to fresh
drinking spots



uses his own strength to
lift up and carry sheep
that are in danger



This story about Cobie and Shep is based on a story in the Bible called The Parable of the Lost Sheep. We can find the story in Luke 15:4-7 and in Matthew 18:12-13.

Jesus said, "If a man has 100 sheep, but 1 of them gets lost, he will leave the other 99 sheep on the hill. He will go to look for the lost sheep. And if he finds it, he is happier about that 1 sheep than about the 99 that were never lost." Matt. 18:12-13 ICB.

Jesus told this story because we are a lot like Cobie, and he is a lot like Shep. He wants us to understand how special every single sheep (or person) is to him. Even when we get scared or go far away from God, he wants us to know how much we matter to him. He cares about us, he keeps us safe, he gives us food and water and everything we need, and he is much, much stronger than we are. He knows when we need help, and he will always come running to find us.

Aren't we lucky to belong to him?