

Although this story ends happily, Jade had been in big danger. And all because she had disobeyed.

God says that until we ask Jesus to be our Saviour and Lord... we're lost...

'...like sheep without a shepherd.'

Matthew 9:36

But when He gave His life for us on the Cross of Calvary He made it possible for all our wrong-doing to be forgiven... He said...

'I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep.'

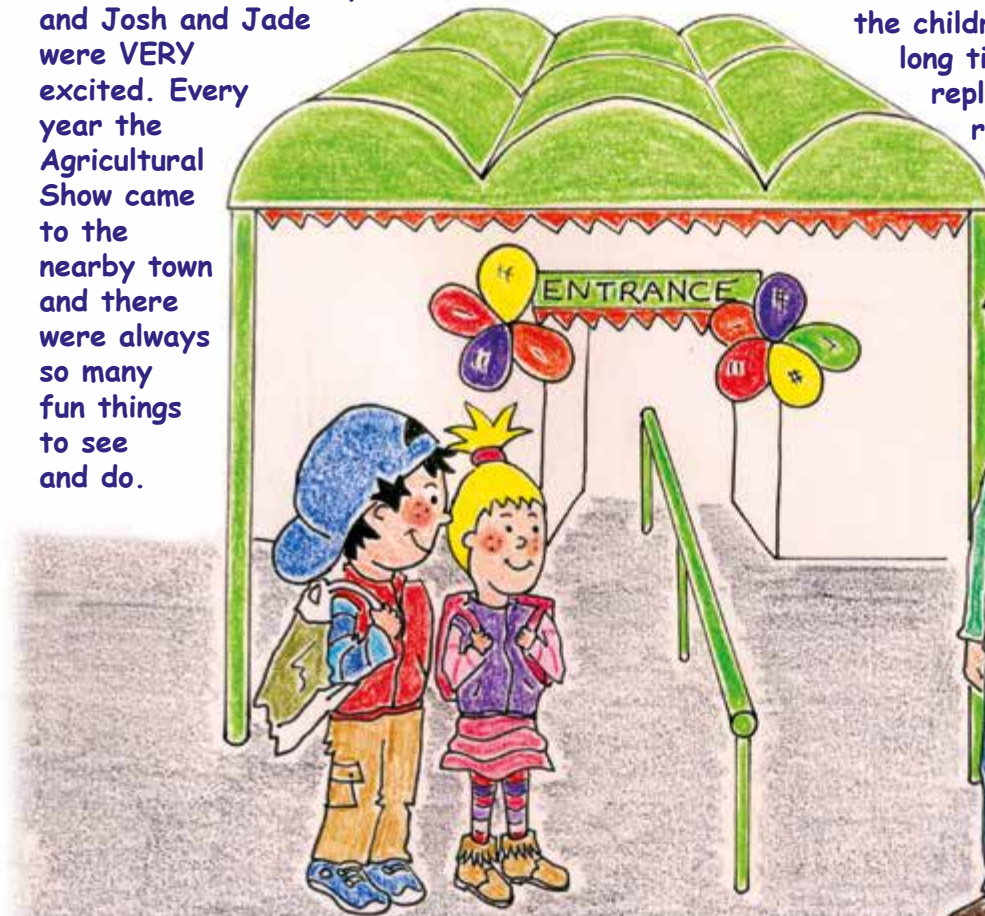
John 10:11



If you'd like to know more about God's love, speak to your church leader.



It was a beautiful day and Josh and Jade were VERY excited. Every year the Agricultural Show came to the nearby town and there were always so many fun things to see and do.

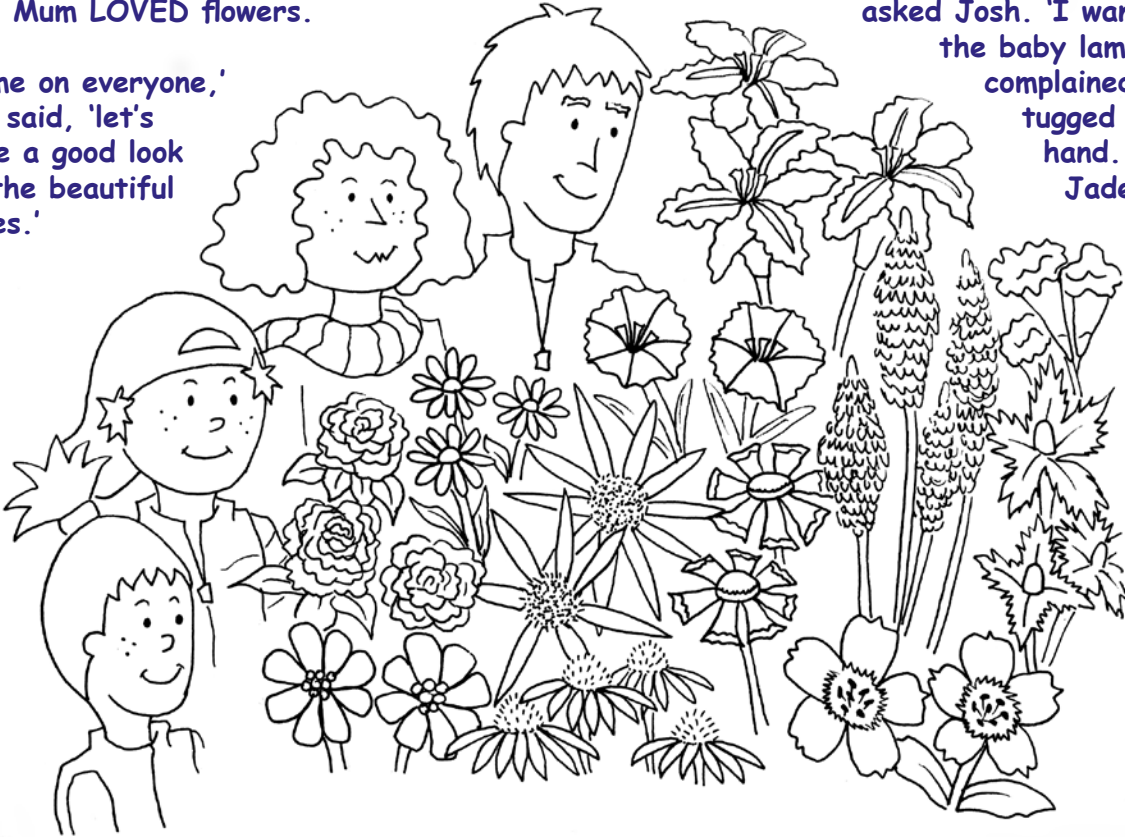


'Come on Mum... Hurry up Dad,' pleaded the children. 'You always take such a long time!' 'Don't be in such a hurry,' replied Dad. 'Now before we go, remember, we've got all day. There will be lots of people here, and it will be easy to get lost. So don't run off, no matter what, and don't talk to strangers.'



Just as they came through the gate Mum noticed the special flower display. And Mum LOVED flowers.

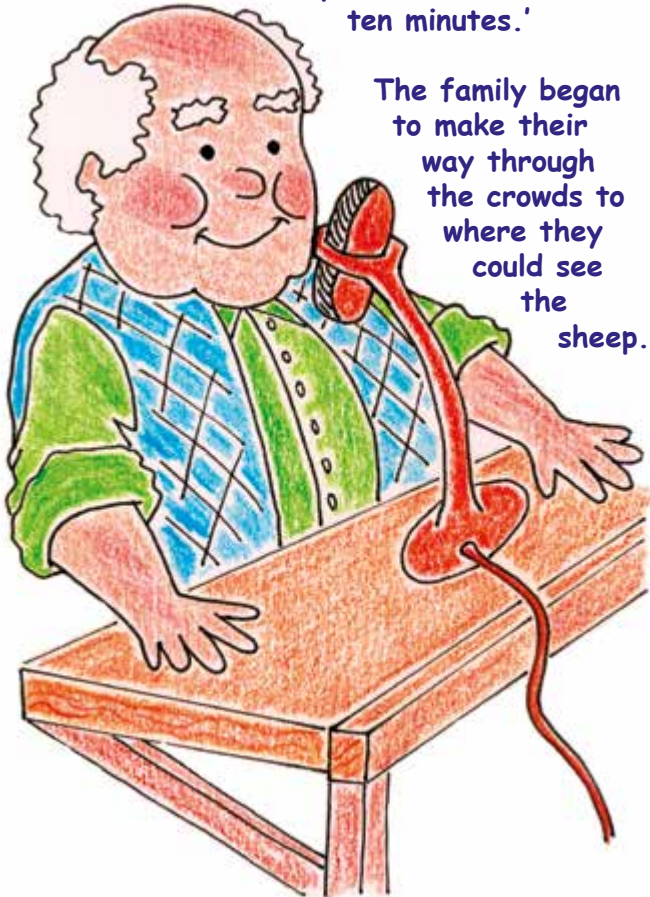
'Come on everyone,' she said, 'let's have a good look at the beautiful roses.'



Count the number of different flowers and colour in the picture.

Josh and Jade sighed. 'Can we not go to see the sheep dog competition?' asked Josh. 'I want to cuddle the baby lambs,' his sister complained as she tugged at her dad's hand. 'Be patient Jade, we'll go to the Children's Farm soon,' said Dad.

Just then, a man began to speak using a microphone. He said, 'The sheep dog competition will start in ten minutes.'



The family began to make their way through the crowds to where they could see the sheep.

But Jade had spotted a sign for the Children's Farm...



WORD SEARCH

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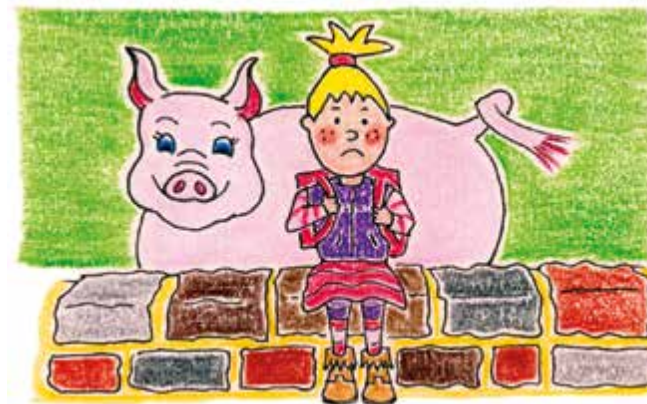
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POLICEMAN
- LOST
NAME
JADE
CROSS
- SHEEP
FOUND
SORRY
SPOILT

In the crowd, Mum and Dad didn't see Jade as she darted off towards the Children's Farm.

When they reached the fence at the sheep dog competition they realised that Jade was not with them.

They looked around anxiously and called her name, but it was SO noisy.

Josh was very cross as he wanted Mum and Dad to watch the dogs with him, but they were too worried.



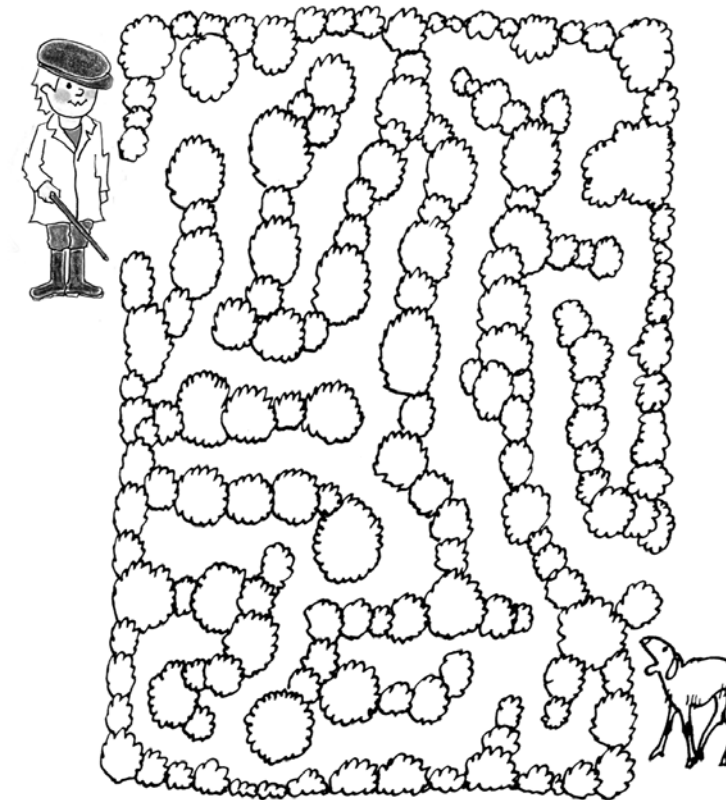
Jade thought she was going the right way... but there were so many little pathways and so many big people... Soon she was lost.

Jade was frightened. She sat on a wall and began to cry. What should she do?

She remembered from Sunday School the story of the lost sheep and how the shepherd had gone looking for it until it was found.

Last year she had asked the Lord Jesus to become her Saviour and so now she whispered a little prayer through her sobs, asking Him to help her.

Help the shepherd...

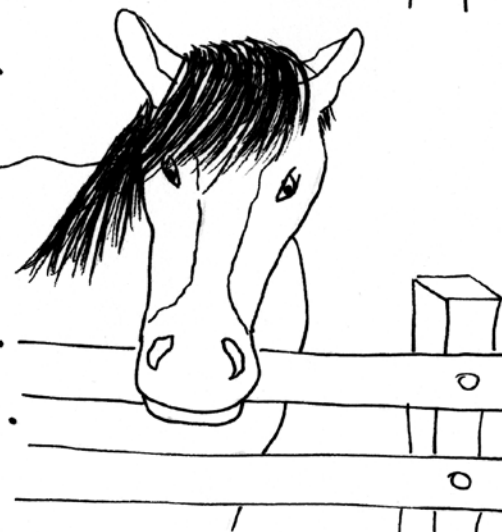
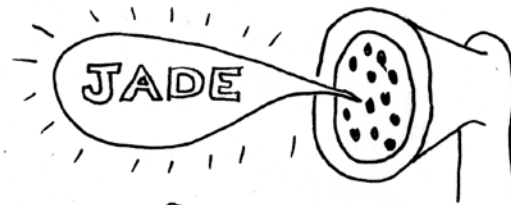


...find the lost sheep

Mum and Dad couldn't see Jade anywhere. Dad said to Mum, 'You and Josh stay here, and I'll speak to that policeman. He'll know what to do.'



Join the dots and colour in the picture



Jade knew she wasn't to speak to strangers, but how could she tell someone she was lost?

Suddenly the man with the microphone said her name and asked her to speak to the first policeman she saw. God had heard her prayer after all.

And it wasn't long before she was found and taken back to join her family.

Jade was so pleased... but also felt really bad. She had disobeyed Mum and Dad and deserved the telling off that they gave her. She had spoiled part of the day for everyone.

She told them she was really sorry and wouldn't do that again.

Dad gently said, 'Don't worry Jade, we all go our own way sometimes and feel bad...'

All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way.

Isaiah 53:6

By now it was nearly time for lunch. 'There's a burger stand over there,' shouted Josh, and Dad treated them all to hot dogs and fizzy juice.



Can you find ten things beginning with h?