Characters: Jonas (reporter), Shepherd, Henry (sheep), Other Sheep, Lion
Props: Falling sound effect (pots and pans or other sound effect)
(xxx) – indicates action, Bold - dialog

Jonas: (comes up on stage right) “Hi everybody. I’m Jonas your time traveling reporter. I’ve gone back in time about 2000 years to find out about a parable, or story, that the Lord Jesus told called the Lost Sheep. Now somewhere around here is a shepherd with 100 sheep. Let’s go find him ok? (Jonas looks at audience while pretending to walk across to stage left) **Now you can just sit where you are and I’ll go and YAAAA**” (he falls, sheep goes BAAAAA, drop pots and pans or other sound effect)

Jonas: (comes back up shaking his head) “Ouch, sorry I left for a minute there. I tripped over a sheep. He’s right down here. Sorry about that little guy.”

Sheep: “Baaaa”

Shepherd: (comes on from stage left) “Well hello stranger. I see you’ve met Horace.”

Jonas: “Horace?”

Shepherd: “Yes, Horace my sheep.”

Jonas: “You name your sheep? Are you the shepherd with 100 sheep? You don’t name them all do you?”

Shepherd: “Yes I am, and of course I name them. What would I call them without a name?”

Jonas: “How about sheep?”

Shepherd: “No, no, they all have to have their own name, come on over here and see the rest of my sheep. Come on Horace.”

Jonas: “Oh, ok. (they both start ‘walking’ toward stage left) **It must be hard to remember all the names with YAAAAAAA**”(he falls, sheep goes BAAAAAAA, sound effect)

Shepherd: “That’s Hubert.”

Jonas: (comes back up shaking his head again) “Oh, I’m sorry. I hope I didn’t hurt him.”

Shepherd: “Oh, no, not at all. They are very well padded. Here’s the rest of my wonderful sheep. (start making a lot of Baa sounds, Baa Baaaaa Baa) Aren’t (Baa) they (Baa) great?

(keep doing a lot of Baa sounds so that the characters can’t hear each other, until later when the Shepherd tells all the sheep to be quiet, then stop)
Jonas: “(shouting) What was that? I couldn’t hear you.”

Shepherd: “(shouting) ‘I said aren’t they great?’


Shepherd: “(shouting) ‘What? You need a rake? Wait a minute. (turns toward sheep and whistles or tells them to be quiet) Sorry about that, they seem to be in a very talkative mood today.’

Jonas: “Oh that’s ok, they can get quite loud can’t YAAAAA.”

(he falls, sheep goes BAAAAAA, drop pots and pans or other sound effect)

Shepherd: “That’s Hortense, isn’t she just a sweetie.”

Jonas: “Ouch, a . . . yeah, I guess she is. Say, isn’t it hard to keep track of 100 sheep?”

Shepherd: “No, they’re good sheep. They’re no trouble at all (looking around) Hey, where’s Henry? I don’t see him, Oh No! Where is he?”

Jonas: (looks down) “I don’t know. Hey, you seem to be getting very upset.”

Shepherd: “Well of course I’m upset Henry is lost!”

Jonas: “Ok, but you’ve got 99 more sheep here. Is Henry special or something?”

Shepherd: “Yes, Very, Very special. Oh No, poor Henry, I have to go find him, Please help me find Henry.”

Jonas: “Oh well ok, if he’s so special I’ll help (both puppets start moving stage left) Yaaaaa

(he falls, sheep goes BAAAAAAA, drop pots and pans or other sound effect)

Shepherd: “That’s Hieme, come on!”

(both puppets keep traveling from stage right to stage left, going below stage and starting over again)

Shepherd: “(calling) Henry, Oh Henry, where are you boy, Henry.”

Jonas: “Boy this Henry must be awfully special. You left all the other sheep behind. We have to travel over big hills (raise puppets up a bit) and through swamps (go slower). I’m getting tired. Don’t you think we should quit and go back?”

Shepherd: “Go back!? We can’t. Henry is lost. He’s all alone. Something might happen to him. We have to find him.”

Jonas: “Ok, ok, please don’t worry. He has to be around here someplace. We just have to keep looking and YYAAAAAA.”
(he falls, sheep goes BAAAAAA, drop pots and pans or other sound effect)

Shepherd: “You found him. Oh Henry, we found you. Are you all right? I was so worried.”

Henry: (pokes his head above the stage) “Baaaaa Baaaaaaa.”

Jonas: “I’m glad he’s ok. I’m all right too by the way.”

Shepherd: “Oh Henry, why did you wander off? Don’t you ever do that again. I thought I might have lost you forever.”

Lion: “ROOOAAARRR” (remain off stage)

Jonas: “Um, excuse me Mr. Shepherd, did you hear that?”

Shepherd: “Yes, I did.”

Jonas: “I don’t suppose any of your sheep roar do they?”

Shepherd: “No, they don’t.”

Jonas: “I was afraid of that, shouldn’t we be running away right now? YAAAAA! Let’s go!”

Lion: (pops up on right) “ROOAAARRR” (lion keeps roaring, approaches shepherd until driven away)

Shepherd: “Sheep don’t run very fast, I must protect Henry! “Back you lion, back. (shakes stick)”

Jonas: “Excuse me again, but are you crazy? That lion could kill us! Would you give your life for a sheep?”

Shepherd: “Yes I would. Back Lion, get away from here. I won’t let you have Henry, go away!”

Lion: “Roar” (leaves)

Jonas: “Wow, you did it. You drove it away. You were ready to give your life for Henry. He must really be special huh? Frankly he looks just the same as the other sheep.”

Shepherd: “Oh yes Henry is very special.”

Henry: “Baaaaaaa”

Jonas: “Yeah? Well why he is more special then say Horace?”

Shepherd: “Oh no, Horace is very special too.”

Jonas: “Oh yeah? Well why are they more special than any of the others?”

Shepherd: “All my sheep are very special. Each one is very special in its own way.”
Jonas: “So, you would have done all this for any of your sheep that wandered off?”

Shepherd: “Why of course. I couldn’t stand it if any one of my sheep were lost. I love all my sheep. Come, let’s take Henry back to all the others.”

(Jonas, Shepherd and Henry start ‘walking’ back, from left to right, going under the stage and across again, as they get near the end the Baaaing starts slow and then builds)

Shepherd: (shouting) “Look everybody, we found Henry. He is back safe with us. Hooray, Hooray. Let’s celebrate.”

(Baaaas get louder and louder)

Jonas: “Wow, all the sheep look really happy. They are all coming over. They are all crowding around, now watch out there sheep, hey watch it, Yaaaaa.”

(he falls, sheep goes BAAAAAA, drop pots and pans or other sound effect, repeat a couple of times while the Baaaing keeps going depending on the reaction)

(This next part could be done by the Jonas puppet, or better yet, by a person outside the puppet stage)

The Shepherd really loved his sheep didn’t he? He was ready to give up his life for the one sheep. To him every single sheep was very special. He could not stand it that even one out of the 100 was lost and he rejoiced when the lost sheep was found. As special as his sheep were to the shepherd, each one of you is a million times more special to God. The Bible tells us that ‘How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.’. We are all God’s children and he loves us more than our parents or anybody else could possibly love us. Each one of us is very, very important to God. When we are lost, when we are separated from him because of our sin, he feels very sad. But He has provided a way that we will be found. A way so that one day we will be with Him in heaven. The Bible tells us ‘For He so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.’. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He came to earth and died on the cross for you. The shepherd was ready to give his life to protect the sheep, Jesus gave up his life to save us. He died on the cross to wash away the sin that is keeping you from God. All you have to do is accept Jesus into your heart as your Lord and Savior. If you do that, you will no longer be lost. You will have Jesus with you now and one day will join Him in heaven forever and ever.
1. 1 John 3:1 (NIV)
2. John 3:16 (NIV)