

## The lost sheep.

This dialogue can be performed either as a ventriloquism skit or as a puppet play using a human and a sheep puppet. I normally perform this after telling a 'fun' lost sheep story along the same lines. This story can be found on <http://mauricesweetsur.blogspot.com/> , or you may email me on [mnmsweetsur@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mnmsweetsur@xtra.co.nz) for a copy.

**Self.** I would like to introduce you to a friend of mine. This is Shaun the sheep. Say 'Hello' Shaun.

**Shaun.** Baaah.

**Self.** Thank you Shaun. I have brought Shaun along to our class today because he tells me that he's the very sheep we were hearing about in the story - the sheep that ran away. Is that true Shaun?

**Shaun.** Baaah.

**Self.** Thank you Shaun, I thought it was. Now Shaun, will you tell these boys and girls your side of the story?

**Shaun.** Baaah.

**Self.** Thank you very much Shaun, I knew you would. Firstly Shaun, what made you run away?

**Shaun.** Baaah. I wanted to do what I wanted to do, and go where I wanted to go.

**Self.** That's like a lot of boys and girls today. They just want to go their own way, and don't listen to their parents, teachers, or even God. What happened after you ran away?

**Shaun.** It got darker.

**Self.** Well it does get dark at night Shaun, but what happened next?

**Shaun.** It got darker.

**Self.** Yes, and then?

**Shaun.** It got darker.

**Self.** I think we all understand that Shaun. It was very dark, but what happened next?

**Shaun.** It got colder.

**Self.** Oh I see. It was cold as well as dark that night. What happened next?

**Shaun.** It got colder.

**Self.** Yes, and then?

**Shaun.** It got colder.

**Self.** I am sure we all understand that Shaun. It was very dark and very cold, and you must have been very frightened by now. But what happened next?

**Shaun.** Then I heard a lion.

**Self.** Oh Shaun, that must have terrified you. What happened next?

**Shaun.** Then I heard a wolf.

**Self.** Oh Shaun! A wolf as well as a lion. What did you do?

**Shaun.** I ran and ran and ran.

**Self.** I'm not surprised. I think that if I were on my own on a cold, dark night and I heard a lion and a wolf, I would run and run and run. What happened next?

**Shaun.** I ran and ran and ran.

**Self.** Yes, and then?

**Shaun.** I ran and ran and ran and ran.

**Self.** Yes Shaun, but after you ran and ran and ran, and ran and ran and ran, and ran and ran and ran and ran, what happened next?

**Shaun.** I ran and ran and ran into a thistle.

**Self.** Oh Shaun, that must have been very painful for you. What happened next?

**Shaun.** All of a sudden, there was the Good Shepherd.

**Self.** That's right, he came out on that cold, dark night just to look for you. Did he give you a row for running away?

**Shaun.** No, he just picked me up and took me home.

**Self.** I expect that was when you got a row for running away?

**Shaun.** No, we just had a big celebration party.

**Self.** That's right. The Good Shepherd was so happy at finding you that he invited all his friends, relatives and neighbours to celebrate with him. What do you think of the Good Shepherd now?

**Shaun.** He's so good to me.

**Self.** Will you ever run away again?

**Shaun.** No, I will never leave the Good Shepherd again.

**Self.** Good, I think you have learned your lesson.

**Shaun.** I want to go back to the Good Shepherd now.

**Self.** We understand that Shaun. You don't want to be away from the Good Shepherd for too long. We will let you go back to him.

**Shaun.** Before I go, can you answer me a question.

**Self.** We will if we can Shaun. What is your question to us?

**Shaun.** Where does a sheep go to get a wool cut?

**Self.** I know where I go to get a hair cut, but where would a sheep go to get a wool cut? - - -  
- - I think you will have to give us the answer Shaun.

**Shaun.** He goes to the Baa Baa's!

**Self.** Good bye Shaun.