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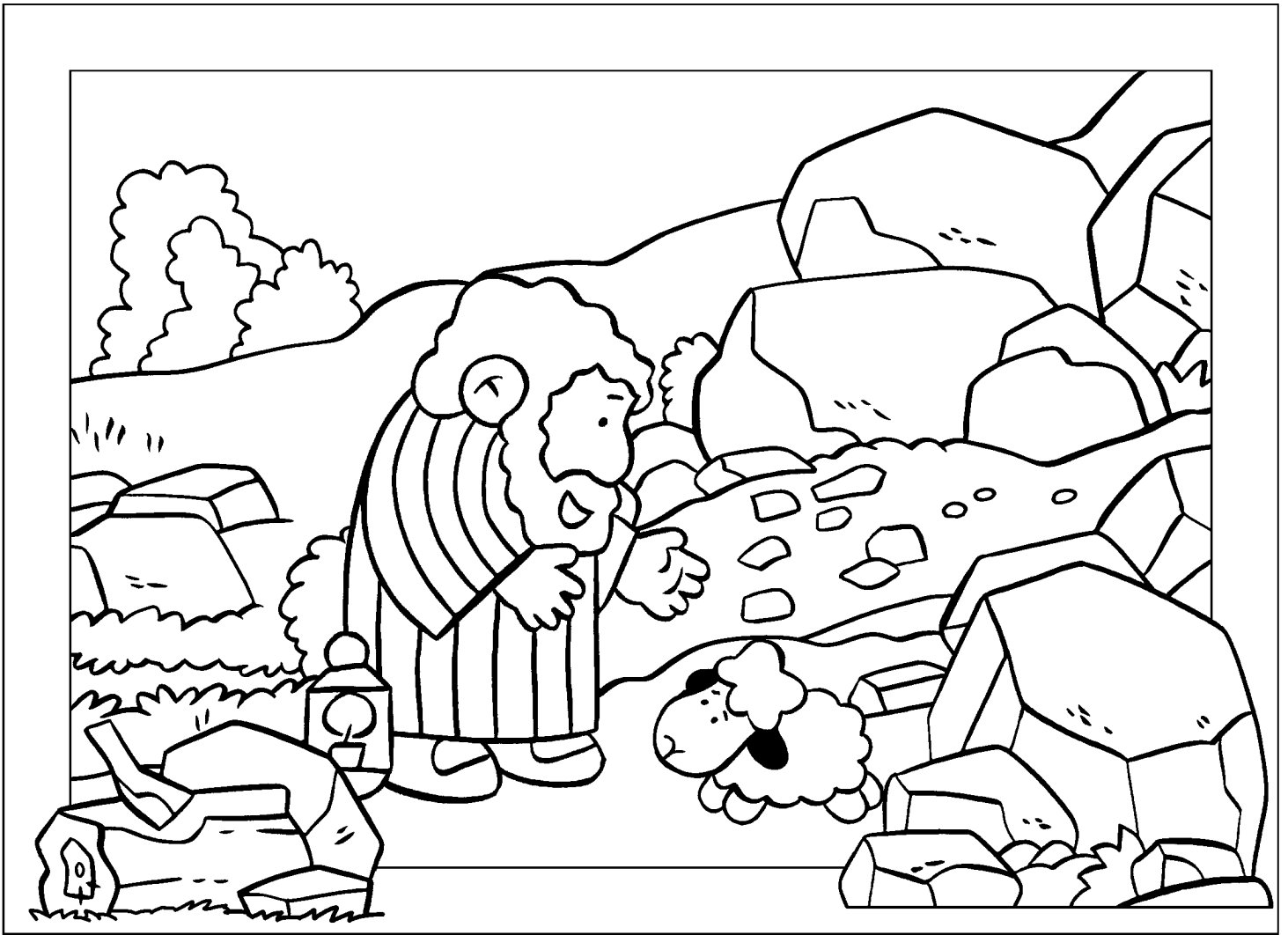
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“And when you found the lost sheep, you would be so happy that you would load it onto your shoulders and carry it home. Afterwards, you would excitedly tell all your friends, ‘I found my lost sheep! Let’s celebrate!’

“You would feel happier concerning this one sheep that went astray and then was found than you would feel about the ninety-nine sheep that hadn’t been lost. That is how happy your Father in heaven feels when one of His lost sheep returns to the fold.”



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