

## Little Lambs

Like two little lambs, they wandered from the fold...

John Brittingham was driving southbound on A1A in Brevard County, Florida, when he saw two little toddler girls standing in the middle of the busy roadway. He immediately pulled over and ran toward the little girls. He signaled to advancing cars to stop as he scooped them up and carried them off the highway. He estimated the little girls to be about two years old; they were unable to speak clearly, mainly pointing and saying, "Ohh."

Brittingham carried the little ones into a nearby neighborhood searching for their family members. He came to an Airbnb property and knocked on the door. When no one answered, he walked around the house calling out. He saw a gate open to the backyard and entering it, found an elderly couple and a young woman. These were family members of the little girls. They had not realized that their little lambs had wandered out of the open gate and into harm's way. They were elated to have them back safe and sound.\*

These wandering "little lambs" picture the way each of us go astray and become lost in sin. In the words of Isaiah, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way" (53:6).

But the God sent the Good Shepherd to save us (Luke 19:10). In order to save us from sin, the Good Shepherd laid down His life for us (John 10:17-18). He died for us so that we might live. When we went astray, God "laid our sins" upon Jesus and He paid the price for our redemption (1 Peter 2:24).

"He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV).

God will save and bring into the fold those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Those who continue to follow the Shepherd by walking in the light of His Word, He will continue to cleanse from sin and keep them safe (1 John 1:7-9).

In the early 1700s, Gerhardt Tersteegen wrote a song entitled, "The Lost Lamb," which contains these words (translated by Frances Bevan):

<sup>1</sup>Like a little wand'ring lamb,  
Lost upon the hills I am;  
Like a shepherd Jesus stands,  
Holding out His blessed hands.

<sup>2</sup>"Come," He says, "Come back to Me;  
Little lamb, I died for thee;  
I will take thee to My home,  
Little lamb, I pray thee, come."

<sup>4</sup>"Tho' thou hast a wayward will,  
Little lamb, I love thee still;  
Come to Me and be forgi'n,  
I will bear thee safe to heav'n."

Little lamb, come to the Shepherd. He will forgive you and carry you safe to heaven.

-- David A. Sargent

\* Information gleaned from "Man runs into Florida street to save two young children who wandered away from rental home" by Stephen Sorace in Fox News, [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com).