

Thea and the Shepherd



**On a bright and sunny day,
Thea the sheep was born.
From the moment she was born,
Mr Shepherd was there for her.**



*"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb."
Jeremiah 1:5a*

**She grew up joyful and happy,
and she enjoyed chatting, singing
and playing with Mr Shepherd.**



*"The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need."
Psalm 23:1*

**Thea was a kind sheep, she loved helping others,
because she knew Mr Shepherd loved her very much.
She wanted to share the love she received.**



***"We love each other because he loved us first."
1 John 4:19***

**But one day, Thea was deceived by Mr Deceptive.
Mr Deceptive tricked Thea into
giving him her precious wool.
The wool was meant for Mr Shepherd.**



***"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy."
John 10:10a***

**Thea was very sad.
She ran away from Mr Shepherd,
because she was ashamed of herself.
She felt she was unworthy.**



*When Simon Peter realized what had happened,
he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—
I'm such a sinful man."
Luke 5:8*

**But Mr Shepherd never left her.
He was always with her.
But Thea was too downcast to realise.**



*"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me."
Psalm 23:4*

One day Thea cried,
“Mr Shepherd, where are you?
I am scared! I am sad.”



*But in my distress I cried out to the LORD; yes, I prayed to my God for help.
He heard me from his sanctuary; my cry to him reached his ears.
Psalm 18:6*

Then Thea heard a gentle voice:
“Why are you cast down, O my dear Thea?
I know you are hurting. Thea, I am here.”



*Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
Psalm 42:5 (NIV)*

**Mr Shepherd carried Thea in His arms
and told her "Come, I know you are tired.
Rest in My embrace."**



*Then Jesus said, "Come to me,
all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

**And Thea rested in Mr Shepherd.
She knew she was safe in His arms,
and she knew He would never let her go.**



*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.
Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—
not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.
Romans 8:38*

**Mr Shepherd carried Thea back home with joy
and celebrated her return.**



**Mr Shepherd looked at Thea and told her,
“I love you with all my heart, all my mind
and all my soul. I love you so much,
I will die to keep you safe.”**



***When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors,
saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’
Luke 15:6***

***There is no greater love than to lay down
one’s life for one’s friends.
John 15:13***

Thea believed Him.

**Are you like Thea too? Lost, heartbroken,
weary or uncertain about life? Strive no more,
Come to Jesus. He is the true Shepherd,
let Him embrace and love you. Let Him give you rest.**



*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
Romans 10:9 (ESV)*

If you would like to receive all that Jesus our Shepherd has done for you and make him your Lord and Saviour, please say this prayer:

***Lord Jesus, come into my life.
Thank you for dying on the cross for me.
I believe that you love me.
Be my Saviour and be my Lord. In Jesus name, amen.***

For more heart-warming illustrations depicting the relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep, visit bible.org.sg/spc.

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