

Shep's Help the Homeless Play

Thanks for putting on my play! I hope you have lots of fun acting out all the parts. There are five speaking roles, but if you have more than five people in your group, some of you (the ones who are a little more sheepish) can just be extras, like other sheep in the flock or maybe an extra shepherd or two. You can act out the play with costumes on a stage or just read it aloud with your friends or classmates. However you do it, just make sure you have fun!

Shep and the Sheepish Wolf

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Cast of Characters

Shep the Sheep

Shirley, Shep's friend

Sheldon, Shep's other friend

The Shepherd [This is great part for a parent or a teacher!]

And

Walter the Wolf

Scene: A meadow. There are lots of sheep around. The Shepherd is watching over them.

The Shepherd: One sunny, bright day, Shep the Sheep and his friends Shirley and Sheldon were out in the meadow, playing games like Hide-and-Go-Sheep and Duck, Duck, Lamb. But they had played all of these games before and they wanted to try something new.

Shep: I'm bored.

Sheldon: Me too.

Shirley: I want to try something new.

Shep: But there's never anything new to do in the meadow. Same grass.

Sheldon: Same sheep.

Shirley: Same old boring games.

The Shepherd: So Shep and his friends just sat there and sulked...until they noticed that there was someone different in the flock, someone they had never met before. [Enter Walter the Wolf.]

Sheldon: Gee, who's that...over there near those other sheep?

Shirley: I don't know. I've never seen him before. But he sure doesn't look like any kind of sheep I've ever seen!

Shep: I don't like the look of him. He doesn't look like the rest of us. We should ask the Shepherd.

Sheldon: Good idea!

The Shepherd: So off the three of them went, right up the hill, to ask the Shepherd (that's me, by the way!) about the new stranger.

Shep: Hey, Shepherd. Who's the new sheep?

Shirley: Yeah, the one with the scruffy gray coat.

Sheldon: Yeah, the one with the big, scary teeth!

The Shepherd: Well, Shep, he's not a sheep at all. His name is Walter and he's a wolf. [To the audience.] Shep and his friends were shocked and a little scared. They had heard things about wolves, bad things.

Shirley: I heard that wolves scratch!

Sheldon: I heard that wolves bite!

Shep: I heard that wolves will eat a sheep alive!

The Shepherd: I've heard those things too, but you shouldn't judge folks you don't know. They might just surprise you. Maybe you should go over and talk to Walter.

Shep, Shirley, and Sheldon: Talk to a wolf?!

The Shepherd: But even though they were scared, they knew they would be safe as long as the Shepherd was around. So they walked over to the wolf to say hello.

Shep: Hello.

Shirley: Hello.

Sheldon: H-h-h-h-hello.

Walter: Hi. I'm Walter.

Shep: Hi, Walter. I'm Shep. These are my friends Shirley and Sheldon.

Walter: How do you do? I'm new here and I don't have any friends. I don't think the other sheep like me. I know I have scruffy gray fur and big, scary teeth, but...well, I'm actually a very shy sort of wolf. Some might say that I'm sheepish.

Shirley: Do you know any games. Other than Hide-and-Go-Sheep and Duck, Duck, Lamb. We always play those.

Walter: Well, let me see. Have you guys ever played Tug o' Wolf? All you need is a rope.

The Shepherd: Shep and his friends had never played Tug o' Wolf before, so Walter taught them the rules and they all played a game. [Walter and his new friends play a game of tug o' war.] They had so much fun that they invited Walter back to the flock for dinner. You see, sometimes people can seem scary because you don't really know them. But many people who seem different are really very nice. All they need is a helping hand. Walter just needed some friends who wanted to play and learn a new game.

Sometimes people may look different or dress differently. Sometimes they can't afford to buy food to eat. Sometimes they don't have a home to go to at the end of the day or a warm bed to sleep in. That doesn't mean they're bad or scary people. Many of them just need a friend and a little help to make it through. When you make sandwiches, or hold a food drive, or paint a picture for Shepherd's Table, you're helping someone out, someone who needs a friend. That should make you feel great about yourself. I know Shep feels great now that he has a new friend!

Shep: I sure do!