

## **Bummer Lambs**

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Good morning, boys and girls Happy Sabbath. I hope you guys had a wonderful week and that you had fun. Now, I hope that you're looking forward to your children's story.

This morning, I want to tell you about something that doesn't happen very often. But it does every now and then. And this is regarding little lambs, you know, every now and then a mama sheep doesn't want her baby lamb. And when that happens, the little lamb gets very, very sad. And if they try to get near mama, mama can kick them and hurt them because she doesn't want her baby lamb. And, you know, these little lambs are called bummer sheep, because they're pretty much bummed out. The mommy doesn't want them, you know, they get so sad that they start to put their head down and down and down. So bad that sometimes it looks like there something is wrong with them. But it really isn't. It's just that they're super, super sad.

When that happens, the Shepherd has to take the baby lamb home and take care of them himself. He needs to feed them needs to warm him up by the fire, hold them. It makes the baby know that somebody loves them, and that someone's going to take care of him. You know, when they put them back out on the field, when they're a little bit older, then the baby lamb is fine. He's older, he's no longer a baby. And he enjoys his time out on the fields.

But when the shepherd calls, guess who comes running first? It is that little lamb that the shepherd took care of since he was a baby. Because that lamb knows the shepherd voice. He has been taken care of by him. So he knows his voice. He you know, and he knows the shepherd, as his mom or dad, depending on who it is, of course.

So I just want you to remember that maybe sometimes we feel like you know, somebody doesn't love us or something's hard for us. You know, just remember that Jesus always loves you. He will always take you and He will be your father. And if you get to know Him, when you build a relationship with Jesus, you will know His voice when ever he calls and you will run to him because he is your father. Like this baby lamb. Make sure you recognize when Jesus calls you, when he asked you to be obedient to Your parents to take care of each other. Your brothers, your sisters, your friends, any family member, just remember that God loves us. And no matter what, no matter if somebody doesn't want you around, something's not going your way. Jesus will always be there to take care of you.

Now let's bow our heads and say a word of prayer. Dear Heavenly Father, thank you so much for being with us. Thank you for loving us and for taking care of us when we feel that nobody does or when we feel left out. Please be with us the rest of this week. We pray this in Your name. Amen.

Have a great week boys and girls