

Already There



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The flock was terribly lost. But while three elder rams argued over the best way to find a home, one little lamb worried that the rams would never stop fighting and the flock would be lost forever.

A Shepherd appeared and saw them arguing, but the sheep did not see Him. When He called out, they ran and hid.



The Shepherd went looking for them. “Don’t be afraid,”
He called out. “I can show you the way home.”

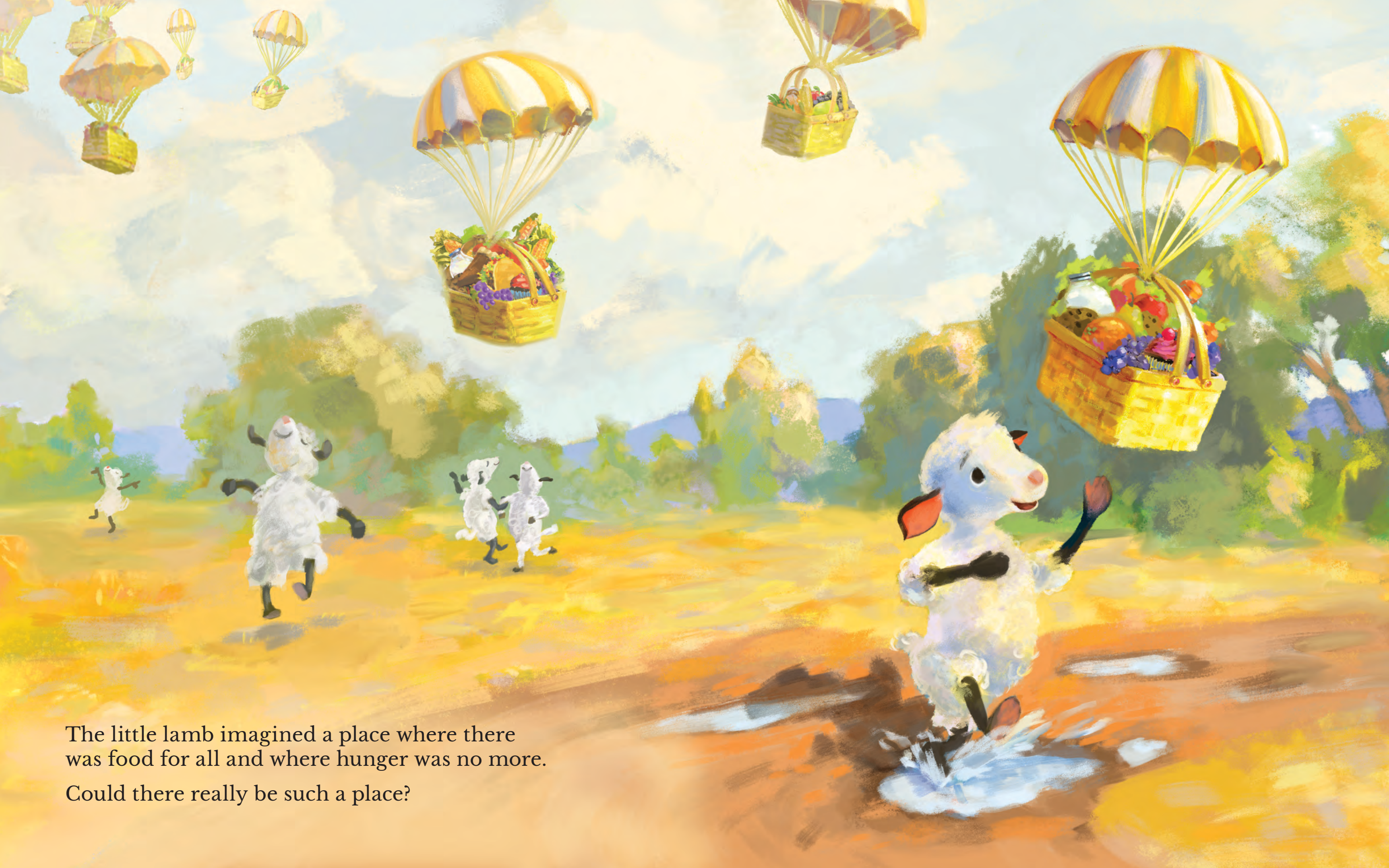
The Shepherd’s voice was gentle, but the little lamb
stayed hidden behind a rock.

The first ram sprang up from his muddy hiding place.
“I know the way home! It is MY way.”

The Shepherd looked at the ram and drew closer.
“Does your way lead to a place where no one is hungry?”

The ram’s tummy growled. “There is no place like that,”
he grumbled.

“Really? Come and see,” the Shepherd said.



The little lamb imagined a place where there
was food for all and where hunger was no more.
Could there really be such a place?



Another ram popped out from his hiding spot.
“Don’t listen to him! MY way is the best way.”
The Shepherd gave him a soft smile.
“Does your way lead to where no one is alone or afraid?”

The ram’s shoulders slumped. “No, it does not.”
“Where I live, no one is ever hungry, alone,
or afraid,” the Shepherd said.