STORIES
JESUS TOLD
The Mustard Seed
There was a tiny mustard seed, as small as it could be.

It fell upon the dark brown earth and grew into a tree.
The tree was like a great big bush with branches wide for shade,

So birds could come and nestle there, safe and unafraid.
The Lost Coin

There was a gentle woman who had ten coins of silver.

She kept the money in her house, safe and under cover.
But one day, a coin was missing.
O now, what should she do?

She lit a lamp and took her broom and swept the whole place through.
She found the coin she thought was lost.

"Rejoice with me," she said.
The Good Shepherd

The shepherd counted every sheep . . . Ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine . . .
"Where, O where," he said, 
"is that other sheep of mine?"

He went to find 
the missing sheep, 
a little one gone astray.
He searched the valleys and the hills,
And he found it where it lay.
The rescued sheep was lifted high, held in the shepherd's arm,

and carried back to join the flock, safe and free from harm.
“My sheep was lost. Rejoice!”
he said.

“Come and gather ’round.”
So Jesus, our Good Shepherd, Sings when we are found.
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