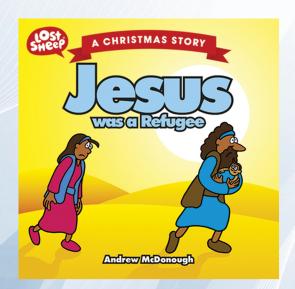


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# The Lost Sheep Series

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When Jesus wanted to change lives he told stories. That's what we do at Lost Sheep - and at the centre of our stories is Jesus. Some stories are about him, some are by him, but all of them point to him. We take the spirituality of children seriously but also believe the gospel is fun. Lost Sheep create resources to assist parents, teachers and children's workers build the faith of kids in Australia and around the world.

#### Jonah and the Whale

If you would rather sit at home watching TV than tell the people of Nineveh to "Stop being nasty - or else!", you need to read Jonah's story. It has everything: boats, storms, worms and a really cool whale that eats people. This Story is based on: Jonah 1:1-4. Related Bible passages include: Matthew 28:19-20, John 3:16, Acts 10:34-43, Romans 5:6-11, Ephesians 3:18-19, Psalm 18:4-6, Psalm 42:7. The main theme is God's love. Other themes include compassion, grace, judgement, obedience, calling, repentance, love others, enemies and whales.

## Jesus was a Refugee

Don't you love the joy of Christmas? But do you know about the sorrow? Join us as Joseph and Mary share how they fled to Egypt to save their son. When we remember Jesus' birth, let's not forget that Jesus was a refugee. Jesus was a Refugee is based on that unsettling bit of the Christmas story in Mathew 2:1-23. This never makes it into the end of year nativity play. So, why tell the escape to Egypt story to children? Simply because it is a Jesus story and it mirrors the story of 70 million people including 25 million children around the world who have been forced from their homes.

## **AUTHOR BIO**

Andrew McDonough is a gifted Australian pastor, teacher and storyteller with a heart for children. His years of ministry include working amongst the homeless & advocating for refugees. Andrew's creative talents and passion for the gospel have combined to produce the outstanding Lost Sheep series of biblical stories.

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

'I just love the *Lost Sheep* stuff. It fits into Messy Church ethos - quirky fun for adults and for children.'

Lucy Moore, Messy Church

