

# The Runaway Sheep

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“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?”

MATTHEW 18:12





There was once a little sheep who decided to run away.

She said to the good shepherd, “I am running away.”

“If you run away,” said the shepherd,

“I will come and find you. For you are my little sheep.”



“If you come after me,” said the little sheep,  
“I will become a flower and hide myself in  
the shade of the trees in a garden.”

“If you become a flower and hide  
in a garden,” said the shepherd,  
“I will be a gardener,  
and walk in the cool of the day.  
And I will find you.”

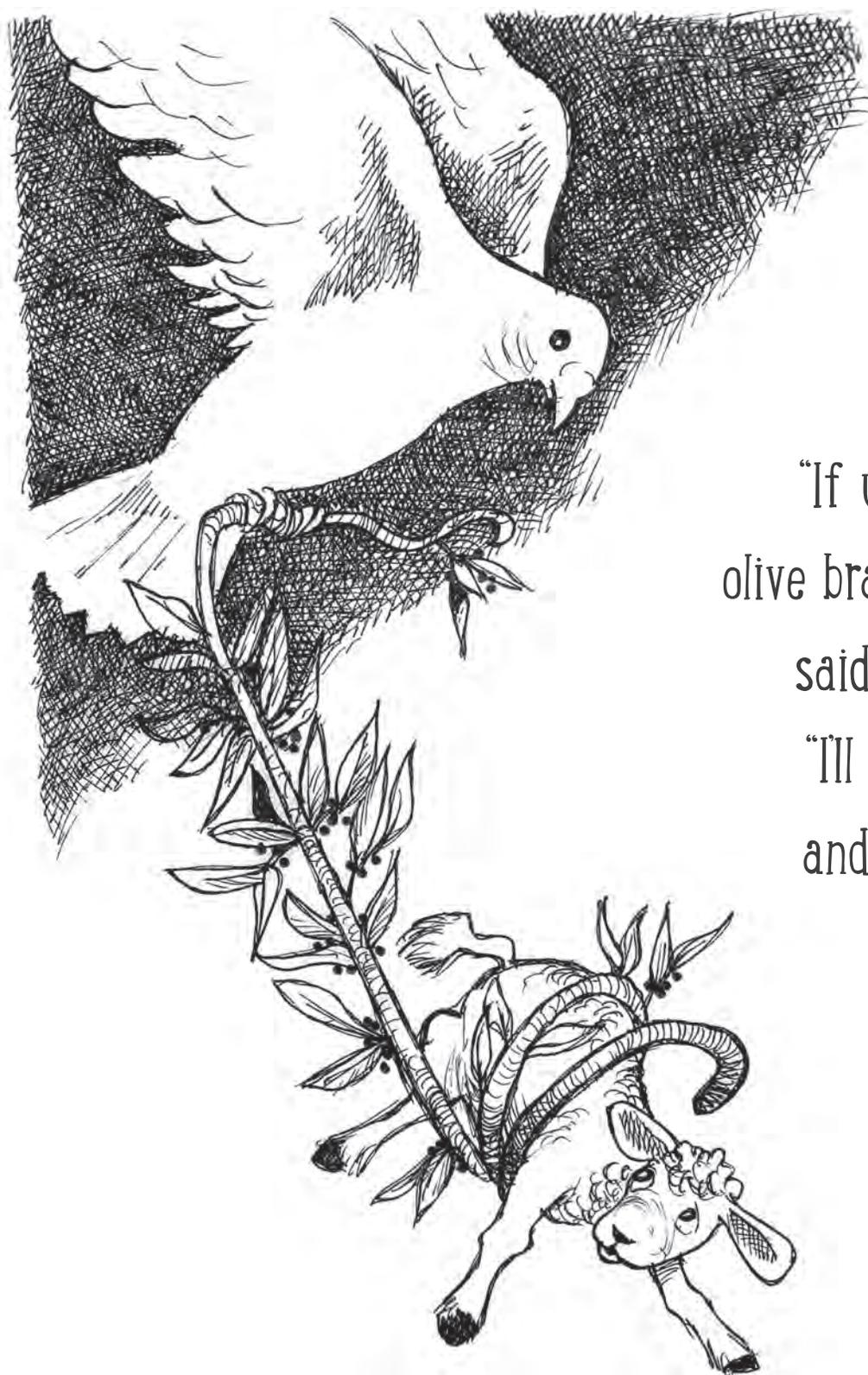






“If you become a gardener and find me,”  
said the little sheep,  
“I’ll become an olive branch on a tree,  
high on the hills above you.”





“If you become an olive branch on a hill,” said the shepherd, “I’ll become a dove and fly up to you and bring you back to me.”



