

They were very upset and started to yell. The yelling was very loud. A little girl walking by stopped to see what was wrong.

“How did all of you get your thumbs stuck in that pipe?” she asked.

“It’s the lamb’s fault,” said one of the plumbers. “We were just trying to get him out of the pipe. Now we are all stuck!”

The little girl bent down and looked into the pipe. “I do not think he is stuck at all,” she said. “He is just bashful and afraid.”

“What is he afraid of?” asked the plumber.

“He’s afraid of you,” she answered. “Your loud yelling made him stay in the pipe.”

The little girl called the lamb, “Come out, little lamb. Do not be afraid.”

As she called, the lamb slowly walked out of the pipe.

“You see,” said this little girl, “all I had to do was call him nicely. When you are nice, he’s not afraid.”



The little girl and the lamb started to walk away. “Wait!” yelled one of the plumbers. “What about us? You can’t leave us stuck in this pipe.”

“All you have to do is put a little oil on your thumbs,” the girl said. “They will slip right out.”

“What good thinking,” said the plumber. “We’ll do just that.”

The little girl skipped down the hill with the lamb right behind her.