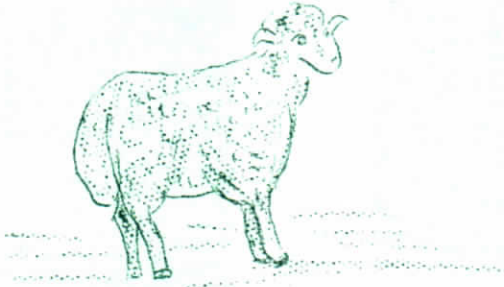


## SHEEP — WHAT DID THE SHEEP DO FOR THE FAMILY?

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- The sheep was valuable because of all the things he did for people in the land of Jesus.

The wool of the sheep was very important. Every spring new little lambs are born. Soon after this, the wool is cut off the sheep. This is called shearing the sheep. Sheep were sheared about in May of each year. This wool was made into clothing for the family. This is how wool is made into clothing.

The wool is cut off the sheep.

The wool is washed.

The wool is made into thread.  
(This is called spinning)

The thread is woven into cloth.

The flat pieces of cloth were made into clothes for the family.

Sheep were not usually killed for food because the wool was so important.

Sheep were sometimes used for a sacrifice to God. Always the very first male lamb in the flock was given to God. By doing this, the shepherd was saying -

I know that all my sheep belong to God.  
I will give God this first lamb. I want to show him I am grateful. He gave these sheep to me. God is good to me.

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Sheep gave the family milk. The sheep's milk was made into butter. This butter was better than the butter made from the milk of goats. This milk was sometimes made into cheese.

The skin of the sheep was sometimes used for clothes. In Hebrew 11:37 we can read how some great men of God wore "sheepskins and goatskins."

A ram's horns were beautiful. They were sometimes big. They measured 2 to 3 inches across. When the ram died, these horns were cut off and used for two things:

1. As a horn. Leaders blew a signal to call people to battle. The priest blew on the ram's horns when Jericho was captured. (See it in Joshua 6:4-5)
2. As a container to hold oil. The wide end was closed. A small hole was drilled in the small end of the horn. Samuel had a horn full of oil when he went to anoint David as king.  
(Read about it in I Samuel 16:1)

The lamb often was a family pet. This lamb played with the boys and girls in the family. Little lambs liked to play tag with one another. A child liked to carry his pet lamb in his arms. As he walked along, he would pick grass. The lamb would eat it right from his hand. Sometimes the lambs even slept with the children.