



## "He who has ears, let him hear."

Healing the Deaf and Mute Man - Mark 7:31-37

Delbert and Lello raced up the path for a visit with Granny B. As they scrambled up the steps, Granny B closed her Bible and slipped it into her apron pocket.

"Hello, little ones, I'm glad you're here," she greeted her two friends.

"Hello, Granny B! We have a message for you," Lello said proudly.

"It's from our friend, Beaker the Duck," Delbert added. "Beaker wants us to thank you for the cookies you made. We took him one and it cheered him up!"

"Oh, that is good news. It is no fun to have a broken wing." Granny shook her head as she thought about the cast on Beaker's wing. "I'm glad he liked the cookie you brought him."

"Granny B, was that a Bible story you were reading?" Delbert asked.

"Yes," Granny B answered. "While I was praying for healing for your friend Beaker, I remembered another wonderful story about Jesus healing someone's friend by the power of His touch. So, I read it again. I learn something new each time I open my Bible."

"Oh, Granny B please tell us about it," Lello asked.

"Yes, Granny B!" Delbert nodded, "Please tell us. I love to hear stories about Jesus healing our friends!"

Lello asked, "Who did He heal? Was some-baahhh-dy sick?"

"No, Lello," replied Granny B. "This man was deaf and mute."

"What does that mean?" Lello asked.

"Deaf means he couldn't hear," Granny B explained. "Mute means he couldn't speak clearly."

"Haw! That must be so hard! Lello, that means he couldn't hear his Hee Haw." Delbert turned to Granny B, "And Jesus made him able to hear and speak just by touching him?"

"That's right," Granny B agreed. "The man's friends begged Jesus to touch their friend. They knew Jesus could heal him."

"Haw! So what happened?" Delbert asked.

"Well, let's read it and see," Granny B said as she pulled the Bible from her pocket and opened it to the story. She began to read:

There some people brought a man to Him. The man was deaf and could hardly speak. They begged Jesus to place His hand on him. Jesus took the man to one side, away from the crowd. He put His fingers into the man's ears.

"Haw! What happened next?" Delbert interrupted.

"Well, Jesus touched the man's ears," Granny B paused for a moment, "and right away the man could hear!"

"Hee Haw! That's a miracle!" Delbert brayed.

"Yeah!" Lello asked, "Did Jesus touch the man's tongue, too?"

"Yes," Granny B smiled, "and right away the man could speak perfectly!"

"That's two miracles!" Delbert said, "Jesus is amazing, isn't He!"

"That's exactly what the crowd said," Granny B replied. She continued reading.

People were really amazed. 'He has done everything well,' they said. He even makes deaf people able to hear and He makes those who can't speak, able to talk.

"Granny B, I believe Jesus can heal anybody!" Delbert cheered. "I wonder when He will heal our friend Beaker's broken wing."

"Yeah," Lello remembered, "The vet is coming for a visit later today. And Pops said Beaker's wing should be completely healed soon."

"Let's go tell Beaker all about this Bible story! He loves to hear how Jesus heals people," Delbert said, as he leapt off the porch steps and headed down the path.

"Wait for me," called Lello, as she scrambled down the steps and onto the path.

Granny B sat back in her rocker. As she started to close her Bible, she noticed a page with the corner folded down. She read aloud the words of Jesus that she had underlined on that page many years ago, "He who has ears, let him hear."