



# Your King Is Coming

Advent 1: Announcing the King  
Luke 1:26-33

The sun was just setting as Delbert and Lello rounded the corner toward the farmhouse. They expected to see Granny B and Pops rocking on the porch as usual but instead they saw three people rocking.

Delbert was curious to see this new visitor, so he raced up the path. Lello followed behind, running as fast as her little legs would take her.

When they reached the porch, Delbert grinned and said, "Haw! It's Ranger Ryan!"

Lello leapt onto the porch and nuzzled up next to Pop's old friend, Ranger Ryan.

"Ranger Ryan! What are you doing here?" Delbert asked.

"Hello, my little ones," Ranger Ryan said warmly. "It is good to see you again."

Pops chimed in, "I'm glad both of you are here! I have an announcement to make. Ranger Ryan has come for a visit to help us get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas."

Delbert smiled proudly, "I have an announcement, too. Remember, I'm playing a king in the school play?"

Granny B and Pops nodded. "Did you find out which king?" Granny B asked.

"Haw! I'm going to be King Jesus!" Delbert announced.

"That's terrific, Delbert," Ranger Ryan responded. "Jesus is the greatest king of all. I have a story about when King Jesus' birth was announced. Would you like to hear it?"

"Oh yes, do tell us," Granny B nodded.

"A long time ago, God sent the angel Gabriel to visit a young girl named Mary," Ranger Ryan began. "Gabriel announced the coming of Jesus as King. He told Mary she was going to have a baby. That baby was Jesus!"

Lello sat up tall. "What an important announcement! Wait a minute ... I thought Jesus was a king, not a baby."

"He is, but Jesus didn't come to us as a rich king in a palace," Ranger Ryan explained. "He came as a tiny baby. Yes, Jesus came as a baby, but He was and will always be the King of heaven and earth."

"Haw! Jesus is the greatest King of all. Wow! Ranger Ryan, I better go practice if I'm going to be King Jesus in the play."

"I'll help you," Lello added. "Ranger Ryan, when we come back will you tell us another part of the Christmas story?"

Ranger Ryan nodded and smiled. Delbert and Lello hugged their friends good-bye and trotted down the path to practice for the play.