



Watch and Pray

Jesus in the Garden
Matthew 26:36-41

When Delbert and Lello first planted their garden, they didn't know what to expect. Now, their garden was filled with plants that changed each day! Flowers were blooming and vegetables were ripening. Delbert and Lello always enjoyed their time in the garden. Sometimes, they would work in the garden and other times they would sit and admire the beauty of God's creation. Today, both sat quietly on the ground in the middle of the garden.

Granny B walked into the garden and saw Delbert and Lello. Quietly, she whispered, "Hello, little ones."

Lello smiled when she saw Granny B. Delbert stood up and ran over to tell Granny B all about the garden. He pointed out the tomatoes that were almost ready to be picked and the carrots with their leafy greens. Lello eagerly showed Granny B the new buds that were about to open on her rose bush.

"Little ones, this is a beautiful garden. It's so peaceful here," Granny B said quietly as she sat down next to a row of lilies.

"Yes, and when it's quiet, I love to pray to Jesus," Lello said, finding a cozy spot to sit next to Granny B.

"I wonder if that's how Jesus felt when he prayed in a different garden," Granny B remarked.

"Jesus prayed in a garden?" Delbert asked.

Granny B nodded. "Yes, after the last supper, Jesus went to a garden just to pray," she answered.

Delbert looked slightly confused. "I didn't know you could pray in a garden..."

"Delbert, you can pray anywhere!" Lello replied.

"Haw! Really? You mean we don't just pray at church, at meals, and at bedtime?" Delbert asked amazed.

Granny B motioned for Delbert to join her and Lello by the lilies. He sat down next to them. His big eyes looked up anxiously at Granny B for an answer.

"Delbert, those are wonderful times to pray. God loves to hear those prayers but, God hears our prayers everywhere. We can pray inside or outside, in the night or in the morning, in the rain or in the sunshine," Granny B explained.

Delbert was quiet for a few minutes. He was deep in thought. Lello put her head in Granny B's lap and hummed sweetly as Granny B rubbed behind her ears. Suddenly, Delbert jumped up.

"So, we can pray anywhere?" Delbert asked, just to be sure.

Granny B nodded with a smile. "God wants you to pray."

"I can pray in the bath? I can pray in a tree? I can pray in my bed? I can pray in the field?" Delbert asked quickly.

Granny B laughed gently. "Yes, Delbert. God loves to hear your prayers no matter where you are!"

Delbert sat back down and put his head on Granny B's shoulder. He turned to her and asked, "Can we pray right now?"

"Of course!" replied Granny B. With that, the three of them bowed their heads and prayed to Jesus right there in the garden next to the roses and the lilies and the carrots and tomatoes.