



Pray to God

Peter Escapes From Prison
Acts 12:5-19

Lello thought for a moment and then shouted, "Angel says, 'Run as fast as you can!'"

Delbert began running, laughing as he did. But, he was running so fast and without watching that he bumped right into someone. Delbert fell to the ground. He was still laughing as he looked up. There was Pops, standing above him, looking down and smiling.

"Slow down there, Delbert. What are you two up to?" Pops asked curiously.

"We were just playing a game called 'Angel Says,'" Lello replied, as she walked over and nuzzled Pops.

"'Angel Says'? I've never heard of that game," said Pops.

"Haw! That's because we just made it up!" Delbert began to explain. "It's like 'Simon Says' except you do whatever the angel says."

Lello nodded and added, "I was the angel!"

"I see. How did you think up this game?" Pops wanted to know.

"Last night, my Aunt Dora told me the Bible story about when Peter escaped from prison," Delbert answered.

Pops grinned, "I see. So, Lello, you're pretending to be the angel that helped Peter escape, and Delbert, you're pretending to be Peter?"

Delbert and Lello both shouted yes and offered to show Pops how to play. Pops sat down on the grass ready to watch a round of "Angel Says."

"Baa. First, I shine my flashlight all around, like the angel with the bright light in the prison. Watch!" Lello said excitedly, as she turned on her flashlight to wave it all around. "Then I say, 'Angel Says, Get up!'"

Quickly, Delbert jumped up and stood as straight and tall as he could.

"Angel says, 'Put on your cloak,'" Lello continued.

Delbert picked up the cloth lying on the ground and wrapped it around him, as quickly as he could.

"Angel says, 'Follow me!'" Lello continued. Lello began walking around and Delbert followed close behind her. Pops laughed and clapped his hands.

"That was great, you two. The angel told Peter to do all those things. You really remembered that Bible story!" Pops said.

"Haw! Thanks! It is so amazing that Peter followed the angel right out of prison!" Delbert exclaimed.

Lello looked at Pops and asked, "Why was Peter in prison?"

"Peter had wrongly been put in prison. His friends prayed to God for him," Pops answered.

Lello smiled, "Baa, I bet they were happy God answered their prayers."

"Yes, they were! At first, they couldn't believe it. Just as Peter's friends did, we can pray to God, too!" Pops added.

"Baa! I love this story. Hey Delbert, this time can I be Peter and you be the angel?" Lello asked.

"Haw! Of course," Delbert answered, ready to play another round.

Pops continued to sit and watch the two play their game of "Angel Says" for a few minutes. Pops wanted to remember all the details so he could tell Granny B what a wonderful game their two little friends had created.