



“Quiet! Be still!”

Calming the Storm - Mark 4:35-41

It was a stormy night. Granny B stood near the barn and listened to the wind blow through the tree branches. The thunder boomed and flashes of lightning lit up the sky every few minutes.

“Don’t worry, little ones,” Granny B comforted Delbert and Lello. “It’s only a storm. You are safe here with me.”

“Thank you for being here with us, Granny B,” Delbert said. “I know it’s just a storm, but it is a big one. Haw, we’re glad you are here.”

“Yeah,” bleated Lello as she nuzzled closer to Granny B. “I’d be even more afraid if you weren’t here!”

“That’s why I came to the barn. I have the perfect story for you two on such a stormy night.”

“What is it about, Granny B?” Delbert asked.

Granny B spread out a warm blanket on the hay. As she sat down, Delbert and Lello sat so close to her, she hardly had any room. She put an arm around each one of them as the thunder continued to boom.

“It’s about a miracle that happened on a stormy night just like this one,” she began. “It all started when Jesus was asleep on a boat. A big storm came along. There was lots of wind and great big waves.”

“Was Jesus afraid of the storm?” Lello asked.

Granny B gently stroked Lello’s head, “No, Lello, Jesus was not afraid, but His followers were. They woke Jesus to help them.”

"What did Jesus do?" Lello asked.

"Jesus said to the storm, 'Quiet! Be still!' And the wind and the waves stopped!" Granny B exclaimed.

"Wow!" Lello jumped up. "Jesus is so powerful!"

Delbert agreed, "Haw! That's right, Lello. Jesus is more powerful than anything!"

Lello paused and looked at Granny B. "What did the followers think about that?"

"Oh I remember that part of the story!" Delbert said proudly. "They were amazed Jesus was so powerful that even the wind and the waves obeyed Him."

"That's right, Delbert," Granny B said as she smiled. "And, do you remember what Jesus said to calm the storm?"

"I remember!" Lello said excitedly. "He said, 'Quiet! Be still!'"

Granny B nodded, "Jesus is so powerful, even the mighty wind and waves obeyed Him. That is a miracle!"

"Yeah," Lello bleated. "I will remember that miracle!"

"Good, Lello. I hope you both remember this miracle next time a storm blows our way." Granny B said with a comforting hug for each of her friends.

"We will Granny B," Delbert lifted his head straight up and turned toward the barn door. "Did you hear that?"

"Hear what, Delbert?" Lello listened carefully. "I don't hear anything!"

"Haw! That's what I mean, Lello; the storm is quiet now. We can't hear the wind or the thunder or the rain any more." Delbert shouted.

"Thanks for telling us that story, Granny B," Lello said. "I will remember that miracle every time I hear a storm coming."

"Haw!" Delbert brayed. "Lello, that reminds me of our Bible Memory Verse. Do you remember that?"

Lello paused for a moment. She shook her head and asked, "Do you remember?"

Delbert nodded and stood up proudly and said, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles!"

"That's wonderful, Delbert!" Granny B stood up and walked over to the barn door. "You are right about the rain ... it has stopped. I'm going to head back over to the farmhouse and let you two get some rest."

Granny B gave them each one last hug and then she closed the barn door behind her as she left. The two friends snuggled together on the blanket. As Granny B walked down the path to the farmhouse, she could hear Delbert teaching Lello the Bible Memory Verse. She knew they would always remember the miracle when Jesus calmed the storm.