



"Just believe."

Healing Jairus' Daughter - Luke 8:40-42, 49-56

It was a beautiful morning. Granny B sat down in the shade of the giant tree. She called this her 'quiet place' where she could come to read, pray, or just listen to the sounds of the nearby stream. From her bench, she could see the edge of Pops' garden and the path to the old farmhouse. Just as she began to read from her favorite book, she heard a rustling in the bushes and saw a little lamb wriggle her way into the clearing.

"How are you today, Lello?" she asked, closing her book.

"Oh, Granny B, I am so worried." Lello replied. "Delbert has been very sick."

Granny B stroked the top of Lello's head "That poor little donkey. I heard he hasn't been feeling well. Pops is going to visit him this afternoon."

Lello wrinkled her brow. She was very worried about her friend, Delbert.

"Don't be afraid, little lamb." Granny B added, "Delbert will be alright."

"But he's been sick all week!" Lello plopped down in the grass at Granny B's feet.

"Lello, I have good news for you." Granny B explained, "There's a wonderful story here in the Bible about someone else who was very sick. Long ago, in Bible times, there was a 12-year-old girl who was so sick her father, Jairus, went to ask Jesus for help."

Granny B opened her Bible and read out loud:

The father begged Jesus to come to their house to heal his daughter. Jesus agreed to come, but then a messenger came and told them, 'No need to bring Jesus, your daughter has died.' But Jesus said to the

father, "Don't be afraid. Just believe and she will be healed." When they reached the house, Jesus went inside. He told all the people, "She is not dead, but asleep." The people laughed, knowing she was dead. But then Jesus took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up." The girl opened her eyes and stood up. It was a miracle! Jesus had healed Jairus' daughter!

Lello thought about that. She looked up at Granny B and asked sadly, "But, Jesus can't come see Delbert, can He?"

Granny B gently closed her Bible and smiled. "Lello, Jesus is always with us. We can't see Him, but He can heal people today just like he healed Jairus' daughter.

"He can?" Lello jumped up and began leaping around the bench.

"Yes," Granny B chuckled at the leaping lamb. Then she saw her husband coming down the path. Lello spotted him and shouted, "Pops! Jesus can heal Delbert!"

"You're right, Lello," Pops agreed. "Would you like to walk with me to the stable? I'm taking Delbert these herbs from my garden to help with his sickness."

"Yes!" Lello bleated, as she took a few steps down the path. Then she turned back to nuzzle Granny B. "Thank you for telling me about the miracle Jesus did."

Lello trotted off after Pops and together they headed toward the donkey's stable.

Granny B called after them, "Tell Delbert I hope he is feeling better soon. Remember Lello, Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid, just believe.'"