



“A Savior has been born.”

Jesus is Born - Luke 2:17

Pops whistled a Christmas carol as he walked back to the farmhouse. He had just finished his work and knew Granny B was waiting for him on the porch. As he walked, he heard Delbert and Lello laughing and having a wonderful time.

“Hello there!” Pops called to them.

Delbert and Lello came running. “Haw! Pops! How are you?” Delbert asked.

“I’m terrific. I’m on my way to see Granny B; she is getting ready to light the third Christmas Candle. Would you two like to come?” Pops asked.

“Yes!” Delbert and Lello yelled. The three of them headed toward the farmhouse.

“Haw. Guess what I set up today; it’s one of my favorite parts of Christmas,” Delbert said.

“Your Christmas tree?” Lello guessed. Delbert shook his head no.

“A wreath to hang out on the barn door?” Pops offered.

“No, my nativity set,” Delbert replied.

“Did I hear something about a nativity set?” a gentle voice asked, as they reached the farmhouse stairs.

Granny B was sitting on the porch, Bible in her lap, and smiling. The three quickly ran up the steps to say hello to her and give her kisses.

“Yes, Delbert was just telling us he set up his nativity set today,” Pops shared.

"Oh, how wonderful. I love nativity sets," Granny B said.

"What's a nativity set?" Lello asked curiously.

"It reminds us of the place where Jesus was born," Delbert answered.

"Mine has baby Jesus in the manger, and Mary, and Joseph, and a sheep, and a donkey, of course!" he added.

"Your nativity set reminds me of the third Christmas Candle. Pops, would you light the candles for us?" Granny B asked. Pops walked over to the wreath and lit the first three of the Christmas Candles.

"Remember, we light the Christmas Candles to get our hearts ready to celebrate Christmas. Pops is lighting the Bethlehem Candle today," Granny B explained.

"Bethlehem? What's that?" Lello asked.

"I know, it's the town where baby Jesus was born," Delbert answered.

"That's right, little one," Granny B said. She opened her Bible and continued, "The Bible says Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. While they were there, baby Jesus was born. There was no room at the inn, so Jesus was born in a stable."

"Oooh," Lello said quietly, as she walked over to look at the candles.

"We only have one candle left to light," Pops said. "Would you two like to come back next week?" Pops asked.

"Haw! Of course," Delbert answered excitedly. Lello looked at Pops and eagerly nodded. She walked over to Delbert.

"Delbert, do you think you could show me your nativity set? I've never seen one," Lello asked.

Delbert jumped up. "Of course! Come on, Lello. I'd love to show you," he exclaimed. He and Lello said their goodbyes and headed for Delbert's house.

After they left, Pops took a seat next to Granny B. The two of them happily talked about their day as they enjoyed the light of the Christmas Candles.