



"Give thanks to the Lord."

Healing the Ten Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

"Granny B! Granny B!" Delbert and Lello called and called. They searched down by the stream and up in the barn, but there was no sign of Granny B.

"I wonder where she could be!" Lello said.

Just then Delbert perked up. He sniffed around. "I smell something," he grinned. "And that something smells like Granny B's baking!"

Lello laughed and the two animals trotted to the farmhouse. As they reached the porch, the screen door opened and there stood Granny B wearing her apron.

"Hello, my little ones. What are you up to?" she asked.

"We were looking for you Granny B," Lello replied, "and then Delbert smelled your baking. What are you making?"

Granny B smiled. "I'm baking Doc McGreen a loaf of banana bread to thank him for fixing Beaker's wing."

"Oh," Delbert said, "everyone is thanking Doc McGreen."

"What do you mean, Delbert?" Granny B asked.

"Beaker made Doc McGreen a thank you card and he collected some shiny stones from the stream as a special present," Delbert answered.

"Well that's very thoughtful of Beaker. It's good to thank people," said Granny B.

"Why, Granny B?" Lello asked.

"Let's sit here on the porch and I'll read a story from the Bible. Then maybe we can figure it out," Granny B suggested.

The animals nodded and then sat down at the foot of Granny B's rocking chair. "Let's look inside the Bible. This story is about ten men who all had the same sickness on their skin. No one could heal them, so they went to Jesus. The story comes from Luke 17." She began to read:

The men stood far away but shouted to Jesus, 'Jesus, have mercy on us.' When Jesus saw them, he told them to go see the church leaders. The men did and were healed on their way. One of the men saw that he was healed and ran back to Jesus. The man thanked Jesus for healing him.

"Granny B, where were the other men? Shouldn't they have come to thank Jesus, too?" Lello asked.

"Good question, Lello. Yes, each one should have thanked Jesus. In fact, Jesus asked where the other nine men were," Granny B answered. "God loves it when we thank Him. It shows Him that we know how good He is."

"So, Beaker wants to thank Doc McGreen because he was good to him?" asked Lello.

"That's right, Lello," Granny B said as she rubbed behind Lello's ears.

"We can all thank the Lord because He is the one who brought us Doc McGreen in the first place," Delbert said.

"Yes, the Lord is really the one who healed Beaker." Granny B added, "He guided Doc McGreen in fixing Beaker's wing. There are so many reasons to give thanks to the Lord!"

"Yeah!" Lello bleated, "and the Lord loves to hear us give thanks to Him!"

Just then the timer went off in the kitchen. Granny B stood up. "It sounds like the bread is ready. Why don't you two go find Beaker and see if he wants to go see Doc McGreen with me."

Delbert and Lello jumped up and ran down the path toward the stream. They knew Beaker would be excited to be able to thank Doc McGreen. Together they could all give thanks to the Lord for healing Beaker's wing.