



“Jesus heals you.”

Healing the Centurion - Matthew 8:5-10, 13

Delbert raced across the meadow, it felt good to run as fast as he could. Delbert stopped beneath the oak tree to wait for Lello.

“Delbert, you are running so fast now. Do you remember the last time we crossed the meadow? You were just beginning to feel better. Now you must be totally healed,” Lello said as she tried to catch her breath.

“That’s right, Lello. I am healed,” Delbert said with a smile. “That means I am well again. It’s just like it says in the Bible, ‘Jesus heals you.’”

“Yeah,” Lello bleated. “Jesus healed you just as he healed the officer’s servant. Granny B told me all about it.”

“I don’t remember that story, Lello. Tell me what happened,” Delbert said as he and Lello left the shade of the oak tree and walked along the pebble path leading from the meadow’s edge to the barn.

“An officer went to Jesus and asked Jesus to heal his servant for he was very sick,” began Lello.

“So, did Jesus go and heal the servant?” Delbert asked.

“No. The officer said Jesus didn’t need to come see the servant,” Lello replied.

“What? Why would he say that? Didn’t Jesus need to see and touch the servant to heal him?” Delbert wondered.

Lello answered, “No, this time Jesus just used His words—and the servant was healed.”

"Haw! Which words did He use?" Delbert asked. "Maybe I can use them, too!"

"Delbert," Lello explained, "it wasn't the words that healed the servant. It was the one who said them—Jesus!"

"What do you mean?" Delbert was getting more and more confused.

"I mean Jesus is the one who healed the servant. Jesus is in charge of everything, so if He says something will happen, it always happens!" Lello said.

"Haw!" Delbert was amazed. "Do you mean Jesus said the servant would be healed and it happened just as Jesus said it would?"

Lello answered cheerfully, "That's right, Delbert!"

"Can Jesus heal us, too?" Delbert asked.

"He sure can!" Lello said boldly. "I know Jesus heals you. I know Jesus has the power to heal anyone. I heard it in the Bible. It says, 'Heal me, O Lord and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the one I praise.'"

"Haw. I can't wait to tell Granny B about this story. Come on, Lello," Delbert said as he and Lello turned and trotted toward the farmhouse. It wasn't long before they spotted Granny B reading, as she rocked back and forth in her favorite chair on the front porch.