



## "Jesus lives."

The Miracle of Easter - Mathew 28:1-7

Delbert and Lello came running out of the barn with big smiles on their faces. They spotted Pops and Granny B working in the garden and rushed over to tell them the exciting news.

"Henrietta the Hen just laid an egg!" Delbert and Lello shouted excitedly.

Granny B and Pops stopped working and walked over to the fence surrounding the garden. They leaned against the fence ready to hear more about Henrietta's new egg.

"The egg is so pretty. It's smooth and round and white," Lello gushed.

"Haw! And Henrietta told us there is a baby inside. I can't wait to see it hatch," said Delbert.

Pops laughed. "I'm glad you two are so happy about Henrietta's egg. The miracle of life is pretty exciting. But did you know there is an even greater miracle than Henrietta's egg hatching?"

Delbert and Lello both shook their heads no. "Baahhh. A greater miracle?" whispered Lello.

"Yes, the miracle is that Jesus lives forever," said Pops looking over at Granny B. "Granny, do you have your Bible with you?"

Granny B patted her apron's pocket. "You know I always keep it nearby," she smiled.

"How about you read the story of the first Easter to our friends, Delbert and Lello?" said Pops, plopping down on the grass.

Granny B reached into her pocket and pulled out her Bible. "This story begins three days after Jesus was on the cross and died. It was very early in the morning and Jesus' friends came to the place where Jesus was buried. Granny B read:

There was a powerful earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb. He rolled back the stone and sat on it. His body shone like lightning. His clothes were as white as snow. The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as He said he would!"

"Haw! Pops, what does that mean—He is risen?" Delbert asked.

"It means Jesus was no longer dead and He will never die again. Jesus lives forever," Pops answered.

"Baahhh... forever?" questioned Lello.

Pops nodded and grinned. Then, he reached over and scratched behind Lello's ears. "Jesus lives forever," he repeated.

"Haw, Lello. Let's go back to the barn. I think we should teach the egg all about Jesus so it's ready when the time comes time for it to hatch," Delbert suggested.

"Oh, that's a great idea, Delbert. We can tell the egg Jesus was raised from the dead on Easter and now He lives forever!" Lello replied. "Thank you, Granny B. Thank you, Pops. See you later," Lello added, as she quickly ran to catch up to Delbert on his way to the barn.