



“Jesus is in heaven.”

Ascending into Heaven – Luke 24:50-53

Delbert was walking along the path towards the farmhouse. He was hoping to see Granny B or Pops. As he peeked onto the porch, he heard the screen door open and out walked Pops. Delbert perked up and hopped onto the porch.

“Well, good morning Delbert,” Pops greeted him. “What are you up to on this beautiful day?”

“Oh, nothing. Just walking around the farm,” Delbert replied.

“Where’s Lello? You two are almost always together.”

“She went down to the stream to play in the water with Beaker. I didn’t feel like getting wet this morning,” Delbert replied.

“Oh. How did you know that’s where she went? Did she tell you?” Pops asked.

“No. I saw her and Beaker. Anytime I see the two of them with the big beach ball, I know that’s where they are going,” Delbert explained.

“That reminds me of a Bible story where Jesus’ friends saw him lifted up into heaven,” said Pops as he sat down in the rocking chair.

“Haw! Lifted up into heaven? His friends got to see that?” Delbert asked in amazement.

“That’s right. Would you like me to read the story to you?” Pops asked as he picked up the Bible sitting on the table next to the rocking chair.

“Haw! Please! I’d love that,” Delbert replied as he moved in closer to Pops.

As Pops turned the pages of her Bible, he said, "Let's look inside the Bible:"

When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They stayed at the temple, praising God.

"Haw! That's amazing! They saw Jesus lifted up into heaven. But Pops," Delbert began, "You and Granny B always tell us Jesus is everywhere. I'm confused. Is He everywhere or is He just in heaven?"

"Well, Delbert, that's one of the miracles of Jesus. He is in both places at once. Jesus is up in heaven, but He is also here with us through His Holy Spirit," Pops explained. "After He was lifted up to heaven, Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to be with us everywhere we go."

"Ohhhhh. I think I understand. That's why I can't see Jesus, right? It's the Holy Spirit who is with me everywhere I go," Delbert offered.

"Correct, Delbert. I think you've got it," Pops said with a smile.

Delbert sat there for a minute quietly. Then, he stood up and smiled at Pops. "I think I'm going to run down to the stream and tell Lello and Beaker the story you just told me. I know they'd want to hear it." Delbert rubbed his head against Pops shoulder as a thank you. Then, he turned and ran down the steps.

Pops sat back in his rocking chair and watched as Delbert galloped off toward the stream to tell his friends.