



"Jesus walked on water."

Walking on Water - Matthew 14:22-34

"Baa! Baa!" Lello cried in pain. She was stuck in a rose bush. She had been playing hide and seek with Delbert. The rose bush had looked like the perfect hiding spot. But that was before Lello got stuck in the thorns. Now she could feel a thorn on her ear. Her wool was caught in the thorns.

Delbert came running up. "Lello, are you ok?"

"No. I'm stuck," Lello said helplessly.

"I know just what to do," Delbert said confidently as he slowly pulled Lello from the rose bush. He was very careful not to pull too hard and in a few minutes she was free, but the thorn was still there and it hurt.

"I'll run and get Granny B. She will know just what to do," Delbert said as he galloped off in search of Granny B.

Lello sat down in the grass and tried her hardest not to be afraid. She had never been stuck by a thorn; she was afraid it would hurt if Granny B took it out. Before she could think about it much longer Granny B and Delbert arrived.

"Lello, may I look at your ear?" Granny B asked.

Lello nodded nervously and moved closer to Granny B. Lello explained what had happened and how Delbert had rescued her.

"Delbert, that was very kind of you and you know what? This reminds me of when Jesus rescued Peter," Granny B said as she examined Lello's ear.

"Haw! Peter got stuck in a rose bush, too?" Delbert gasped.

Granny B laughed. "No, little one. Peter was sinking into the lake. Would you like me to tell you two the story while I take care of Lello's ear?"

"Baa. Yes please," Lello answered.

Granny B began:

The Bible says Jesus told his friends to get in the boat and go to the other side. Jesus went up a mountainside to pray. That night, a storm came when the boat was in the middle of the lake. The wind and waves tossed the boat and the followers were afraid. Jesus went to save them – He walked on top of the lake. Jesus said to His friends, "Take courage, it is I. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "If it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Peter walked on the water toward Jesus. Then Peter looked down at the wind and became afraid. He started to sink. "Lord, save me," Peter called out. Immediately, Jesus reached out and saved Peter.

As Granny B finished the story, she pulled the thorn out of Lello's ear. Lello winced a little. Granny B gently wiped her ear and began to put a bandage on it.

"Thank you," Lello said quietly leaning against Granny B, "and thank you Delbert for saving me from the rose bush. I was scared at first, until I saw you coming."

"Remember Lello, just like Peter in the Bible story, we don't need to fear. Jesus saves us!" Granny B said as she stood up.

"Haw! That's right and I'm your best friend, Lello. I'll always be there to help you," exclaimed Delbert.

Lello smiled. Then Granny B suggested they all walk back to the farmhouse for some water and a little snack. Lello walked between Granny B and Delbert. She was so thankful God had given her such great friends.