



## **“God never makes mistakes.”**

**Giving Sight to a Man Born Blind - John 9:1-41**

Granny B was pulling weeds in the garden. Lello walked along the garden rows. She carefully examined each plant looking for vegetables starting to grow. Finally, she spotted something.

“Granny B! I see a baby tomato starting to grow,” Lello called excitedly.

Granny B smiled. She knew that soon the garden would be filled with new vegetables. As she was getting up to go take a look at Lello’s discovery, she spotted Delbert walking toward them. Granny B waved and waited for him. When he reached the garden gate, Delbert paused—something was on his mind. Then Delbert asked, “Granny B, what does blind mean?”

“Blind means that you can not see,” answered Granny B.

“Haw. Beaker just told me his aunt was blind, but he didn’t tell me what blind meant,” Delbert replied. “Why are some of us born not being able to see?”

Granny B stood up and brushed her hands off on her apron. She reached into her pocket and pulled out her Bible. Lello walked over, curious as to what Delbert and Granny B were talking about.

“Delbert, I know a Bible story about a blind man. Why don’t I read it to you.”

As Jesus was walking along He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, “Why was he born blind?” Jesus answered, “He was born blind so that the work of God could be shown.” As Jesus was saying this he made some mud. He put the mud on the blind man’s eyes. “Go,” Jesus told the man. “Wash in the Pool of Siloam.” The man did and was able to see.

"Granny B," asked Delbert, "did God make a mistake letting the man be born blind?"

"No, Delbert. God never makes mistakes. Remember what Jesus said in the story?" Granny B asked.

"Baa. He said the man was blind so God's great work could be shown. Jesus performed a miracle to heal the man – that was God's good work!" Lello answered.

"That's right. God loves us, and God made us each special," Granny B said.

Delbert and Lello looked at each other. "Special? What do you mean?" they asked.

"God made each of us with special differences. We aren't all the same. Can you two think of any differences?" Granny B asked.

"Haw. Some of us have tails, and some don't," Delbert suggested.

"Some of us have soft wooly fur," Lello added.

"That's right. Some are short, some are tall, some can run very fast, while some cannot even walk. Some people are born blind while others can see," Granny B explained. "But, do you know what is the same for all of us?" she asked.

"That Jesus loves us?" offered Lello.

"That Jesus made us?" suggested Delbert.

Granny B smiled. "You both are right. Jesus loves us and He made each of us on purpose – we are each very special to Jesus."

Delbert turned to Lello. "Lello, would you like to go with me to find Beaker. Maybe his aunt can teach us what it is like to be blind."

Lello smiled. "That sounds great. Granny B, I'll be back later to look for more vegetables."

Granny B waved goodbye as the two went off in search of Beaker. Before they were out of her sight, she called out to them. "Remember, Jesus never makes mistakes!" Then Granny B returned to pulling weeds from her garden.