



“Tell of all His wonderful acts.”

Appearing to Disciples - Luke 24:36-49

In the shade of the big tree, Granny B and Pops were sitting on the new picnic table which Pops, Delbert, and Lello had built. On the table, was a huge picnic basket. Granny B and Pops took turns reading from the Bible while they enjoyed their lunch.

Just then, a donkey and a lamb emerged from the bushes. It was Delbert and Lello. Strawberries dangled from Delbert’s mouth while Lello carried two big sunflowers. They carefully set their packages down on the picnic table.

“Pops! Granny B! I saw these strawberries and decided to bring them to our picnic. I hope you don’t mind,” Delbert said excitedly.

“Not at all Delbert; they look delicious,” Granny B replied.

“I brought some pretty flowers,” Lello whispered. Granny B gently rubbed behind Lello’s ear and smiled.

“What story would you like to read from the Bible today?” Pops asked.

“Well,” started Delbert, “we have a question first.”

Granny B raised her eyebrows, “You do?”

“Baa,” Lello replied. “We’ve been learning all about the miracles Jesus did, but why did Jesus perform so many miracles?”

“That’s a great question!” Pops answered. “Jesus performed miracles to help us believe in Him.”

Delbert thought for a moment. “Do you mean all those miracles were for us, too?”

“That’s right, Delbert,” Granny B answered.

"Even when Jesus healed the ten sick men?" Delbert asked.

"Even when He helped the fishermen catch so many fish that their nets broke?" asked Lello.

"That's right," Granny B answered. "It sounds like the two of you remember many of His miracles."

Delbert and Lello smiled. They had been hearing stories about Jesus and His miracles for weeks from Granny B and Pops. Often when Delbert and Lello were playing, they'd talk about the stories they had heard. Sometimes, they even shared the stories with their animal friends in the farm.

"I have an idea. Let's each tell which story is our favorite," Pops suggested. "I'll go first. My favorite is when Jesus calmed the big storm just by saying 'Quiet! Be still!' I love that Jesus will take care of us."

Delbert jumped up. "Haw! My favorite is the one where the friends bring the sick man to Jesus. They knew Jesus would be able to heal him. It reminds me of when Lello and I prayed to Jesus when Beaker's wing was hurt."

Granny B smiled. "I love when Jesus used the little boy's fish and bread to feed the big crowd. That boy was willing to share and Jesus used him in His miracle."

Everyone looked at Lello. She was quiet; then a smiled crept across her face. "My favorite is when Jesus called to Peter and Peter walked on the water. I think it would be fun to walk on water, especially if I was walking toward Jesus!"

Granny B smiled. "Those are all great stories, but do you know which was the greatest miracle Jesus performed?" she asked.

The two animals thought and then shook their heads no.

"The greatest miracle Jesus performed was when Jesus died and rose again to life! He did that to save all of us," Pops said quietly.

The four friends sat in silence for a few minutes. They watched the water in the stream move over the rocks. They watched the birds flying overhead. Then, Granny B began to sing, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Pretty soon, Pops joined in. Delbert and Lello sat and listened. They loved to hear Granny B and Pops sing. Finally, Delbert and Lello sang too and their singing filled the farm with joy.