



“Let’s not argue.”

Abram and Lot - Genesis 13:1-18

Delbert and Lello were busy in the garden. Granny B had given them each seeds and some tools and now they were busy setting up their own little gardens. The space they were working in was a little small and every so often they’d bump into each other.

“Ow. Delbert you bumped me again,” Lello said, as she smoothed the dirt over her seeds. She stood up and took a step backwards. As she did, she knocked over the watering can.

“Lello, now the ground is all muddy,” Delbert cried out.

The two friends were beginning to get frustrated. Granny B looked up from the other side of the garden where she was weeding. She could tell Delbert and Lello needed a little help.

Granny B walked over to them as she asked, “Hello little ones, can I help you?”

Lello sighed, “Granny B, we keep bumping into each other and knocking things over.”

“Haw! We want to have gardens next to each other, but ...” Delbert began.

“I understand. You two are such great friends and love doing everything together. Well, you might like to hear the Bible story about Abram and his nephew Lot,” Granny B suggested.

“Oh, that would be wonderful,” Lello said.

Granny B sat down and motioned for the two of them to do the same. Then, she pulled her Bible out of her apron pocket. “Let’s look inside the Bible:”

Lot, who was travelling with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents but the land didn't have enough food for both of them. The people who took care of Abram's herds and those who took care of Lot's herds began to argue.

Abram said to Lot, "Let's not argue with each other. After all, we're part of the same family. Isn't the whole land in front of you? Let's separate. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right. If you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Lot looked up. He saw that the whole Jordan River valley had plenty of water. It was like the garden of the Lord. So, Lot chose the whole Jordan River valley for himself. Then he started out toward the east and the two men separated.

The Lord spoke to Abram after Lot left. He said, "Look up from where you are. Look north and south. Look east and west. I will give you all of the land you see. I will give it to you and your children after you forever. I will make your children like the dust of the earth. Can dust be counted? If it can, then your children can be counted. Go, walk through the land. See how long and wide it is. I am giving it to you."

Granny B closed her Bible and looked at Delbert and Lello. Delbert smiled. "Lello! I have an idea. Let's be like Abram and Lot. Let's split up a little bit," he suggested.

"Baa! That's a great idea. I'll take five steps to the left and you take five steps to the right. We can still be near but we won't bump into each other all the time," Lello said.

Delbert and Lello picked up their gardening tools and took five steps away from each other. Then, they went back to planting their seeds. Granny B smiled.

"I'm proud of you two. You don't want to argue with each other because you are such good friends. If you need any help with your gardens, let me know. I'm going to go finish weeding," Granny B said as she collected her things.

"Thanks, Granny B! You helped alot," Delbert exclaimed as he dug in the dirt.

"Thank you for the Bible story," Lello added.