



"Count the stars."

Abraham's Visitors – Genesis 15:5-6, 18:1-14

The sun had just set and the first star of the night appeared in the sky. "Look Delbert! There is the first star," Lello said with wonder.

"I see it, Lello, and there are two more up there." Delbert pointed above the first star. The two friends nestled next to Granny B on the front porch and stared into the sky. One by one the stars appeared.

Lello whispered, "I wonder how many stars there are."

"More than we can count," Granny B answered wisely. "That reminds me of a promise God made to Abraham. Would you like to hear about it?"

"Yes, please," Lello said with delight.

Delbert asked, "What was the promise?"

"God promised Abraham He would give him as many children as there were stars in the sky," Granny B answered, as she reached into her apron pocket and pulled out her worn leather Bible.

"That promise meant God would do a miracle because Sarah and Abraham were even older than me and Pops!" Granny B smiled. She flipped through the pages of her Bible to find the story.

"You see, one day when Sarah and Abraham were too old to have any children of their own, they saw three visitors coming toward their tent. Abraham welcomed them and fed them a wonderful meal. Sarah listened as they told God's promise to Abraham. They said Sarah would have a baby soon."

"That's impossible," Delbert chuckled. "Granny B, you said Sarah was too old to have a baby."

"That's right, Delbert. Sarah laughed, too. Let me read to you what happened next!" Granny began to read:

Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

"Well? Did she, Granny B? Did Sarah ever have a baby?" asked Lello.

"Of course she did, Lello," Delbert answered. "God always keeps His promises!"

"That's right, Delbert." Granny added, "Sarah and Abraham had a baby just as God promised. They named him Isaac. His name means laughter." Granny smiled as she closed her Bible.

Lello asked, "Granny B, does God keep every promise?"

Granny stroked Lello gently on the head and answered, "Yes, He does, Lello. He keeps every one."