



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis through Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 36

"Forgive everyone."

Jacob and Esau
– Genesis 25:21-34, 27:1-41, 33:1-11

Delbert and Lello trotted along the path toward the farmhouse. Granny B had invited them over for a snack. Delbert and Lello were trying to guess which Bible story Granny B was going to tell them this time.

"Haw! Well, we've been learning how God keeps His promises," Delbert offered.

"That's right!" Lello said. "I wonder which promise we'll hear today."

Delbert looked ahead and could see Granny B waiting on the porch. "It doesn't look like we'll have to wait long. I see Granny B!" And with that Delbert took off running toward the farmhouse. Lello followed after Delbert.

Granny B watched the two run up onto the porch and fall down at her feet, out of breath. "Would you two little ones like a drink?" Granny B offered.

"Haw! Yes, thank you. Which story of God's promises are you going to tell us today?" Delbert asked hurriedly.

"Well, today I thought I'd tell you the story of Jacob and Esau. They were twin brothers who did not get along," Granny B explained.

"Baa. I hope this story has a happy ending," Lello said anxiously.

"Don't worry; it starts out with an answered prayer!" Granny B smiled. "You see, God answered Isaac's prayer for a baby by giving Rebekah twin boys. Their names were Jacob and Esau. When they grew up, Jacob tricked Esau and their father by pretending to be Esau and fooling their father into giving him the blessing that was meant for Esau. Esau was very angry. Jacob had to run away from home so Esau could not hurt him."

"Well, that's not a very happy ending," Delbert said sadly.

"No, but listen to what happened years later when they came together again." Granny B began to read from her Bible:

Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

"Why were they crying?" Lello interrupted.

"Maybe those were tears of joy because they had missed each other and all was forgiven," Granny B thought aloud.

"So, Esau forgave Jacob?" asked Lello. "That is a happy ending!"

"It certainly is! Just listen to what Jacob told Esau after they hugged." Granny read one last sentence:

To see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably.

Granny B closed her Bible and Lello nuzzled up for a hug. "I am so glad Esau forgave Jacob. It's good to forgive everyone," Lello said.

"Haw! It sure is," Delbert added. Just then his stomach growled. "Granny B, may we have that snack now?" Delbert asked.

Granny B laughed. She hugged them both and then went inside for a moment. Soon, she came out holding a tray of snacks and the three of them sat on the porch eating and talking about God's promises.