



“The Lord is in this place.”

Jacob’s Ladder - Genesis 28:12-17

Pops was hard at work inside the barn. He hadn’t cleaned out the barn loft in a long time. As he dragged his ladder across the barn floor, he heard two familiar voices.

“Pops! What are you doing?” Delbert called out as he entered the barn. Lello was right behind him.

“Hey, you two. I promised Granny B I would clean out the loft today. It’s so high off the ground that I need to use a ladder,” Pops answered, finally getting the ladder to stand up.

“Be careful going up there, Pops,” Lello warned.

“Oh, I will. How about I take a break before I start,” Pops suggested.

“Haw! Yeah! Would you read us a Bible story,” Delbert asked.

“Great idea, Delbert,” Pops said as he looked for his Bible. He quickly found it on one of the tables he had set up to sort things in the barn. He opened the Bible and searched for the story he wanted to tell. “This one is short, but I think you’ll like it. Let’s look inside the Bible.”

In a dream Jacob saw a ladder standing on the earth. Its top reached to heaven. The angels of God were going up and coming down on it. The Lord stood at the top. He said, “I am the Lord. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your children after you the land on which you are lying. They will be like the dust of the earth that can't be counted... All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you.

“I am with you. I will watch over you wherever you go. And I will

bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Jacob woke up from his sleep. Then he thought, "The Lord is certainly in this place. And I didn't even know it." Jacob was afraid. He said, "How holy this place is! This must be the house of God. This is the gate of heaven."

"Jacob dreamt about a ladder leading up to God?" Lello asked in amazement.

"He sure did. My favorite part of this story is when God says, 'I am with you. I will watch over you wherever you go.' He said that to Jacob, but it's true for us, too. God keeps that promise every day," Pops said.

"Haw! That's right! Because God is always with us," Delbert added.

"And God always keeps His promises!" Lello chimed in.

"That's right, you two. Now, I need to keep my promise to Granny B," Pops said as he carefully set down his Bible.

"That's right," Delbert said, "you promised to clean the barn."

"Baa! We'd love to help," Lello offered.

Pops laughed, "That'd be great. Come on, let's get to work."

By the end of the day, the loft was clean. The three headed back to the farmhouse to tell Granny B that Pops had kept his promise. When they arrived, they were happy to see Granny B with a plate full of cookies and a pitcher of lemonade. They quickly washed up and joined Granny B on the porch. Delbert and Lello couldn't wait to share all they had done that day.