



“Be quick to listen.”

Pharaoh Would Not Listen - Exodus 6:1, 7-11

Delbert and Lello were sitting by the stream. Every now and then they took turns closing their eyes and being very still and quiet. When they opened their eyes, they laughed. Granny B had been watching them from afar, curious as to what Delbert and Lello were doing. She decided to walk over and find out.

“Hello, little ones,” Granny B said as she neared the stream.

Delbert and Lello looked up. “Hi, Granny B!” they both exclaimed.

“I’ve been watching you for a while. What are you two doing?” she asked.

“Haw! We are taking turns listening,” Delbert said.

“Listening to what?” Granny B asked.

“Whatever we can hear. We close our eyes and listen to see what sounds are around us,” Lello explained.

“The water moving, birds singing, the cows mooing, sounds like that,” Delbert added.

“Wow! That’s a great thing to do. Learning to listen is good and listening to God is very good,” Granny B said.

“Right! We’ve been thinking about the Bible story you told us last time; how God can speak to us through the Bible, His world, and His people,” Delbert explained proudly.

“I’m so glad to hear that. Today, I have another story about listening, only this story is about a man who did not listen to God,” Granny B said.

"Oh no, that's bad," Lello said sadly. "Who was the man?"

"The man was the king of Egypt. They called him the Pharaoh. Moses gave him a message from God. Moses said, 'Let God's people go.' But Pharaoh said, 'No.'" Granny B explained.

"Haw! That wasn't good. What happened?" Delbert asked.

"God warned Pharaoh that if he didn't listen, God would send plagues of things to bother all the people," said Granny B.

"What's a plague?" Lello asked.

"A plague is something troublesome that usually appears in a big group and bothers everyone. One time when Pharaoh didn't listen, God sent a plague of flies. The flies were everywhere bothering all of Pharaoh's people," Granny B said.

"Baa. How terrible. I wouldn't want flies all over me!" Lello shuddered.

"Neither would I. Still, Pharaoh would not listen. God had to send ten different plagues before Pharaoh finally listened and let God's people go," Granny B continued.

"Haw! Pharaoh should have listened the first time," Delbert added.

"You're right, Delbert, he should have," finished Granny B.

"I want to try and listen the first time," Lello said.

"Lello, that's great. I have a fun way the three of us can practice listening," Granny B offered.

"You do?" Delbert and Lello asked.

"It's a game called 'Simon Says!'" Granny B exclaimed. "Let's call it 'Moses Says.'"

Delbert and Lello jumped up, ready to play with Granny B. The three spent a long time taking turns and listening and when they were finished, Granny B invited them back to the farmhouse for a snack.