



“Honor your father.”

The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20:1-21

Lello tried to be patient while waiting for Delbert. They were going to go see Granny B. Lello paced back and forth outside the barn. She could hardly wait to find out more about the camping trip Delbert and his father were planning. Finally, the door opened and Delbert walked out.

“Baa. Hi, Delbert! Are you ready to go to the farmhouse?” Lello asked, barely able to contain her excitement.

“Haw. Yep. Let’s go!” Delbert said as he began to walk briskly to the farmhouse.

As Delbert and Lello continued on their short walk, Lello asked lots of questions about the camping trip, but Delbert didn’t seem very excited. Lello could tell something was bothering him. When they rounded the corner, Lello spotted Granny B waiting for them on the porch.

“Hi, Granny B!” Lello called. She ran ahead of Delbert and up onto the porch. Delbert slowly followed behind.

“Hello, my little ones,” Granny B said. She motioned for the two to come sit by her. “Delbert, how are the camping plans coming along?”

“Haw. Good, but it’s turning out to be a lot of work,” Delbert began. Lello nodded. Now, she knew what was bothering her friend. “My dad says we’re going to have to walk the whole way, carry all our stuff, and we have to set up our tent,” Delbert finished with a sigh.

Lello smiled. “Oh, that sounds like fun. I’d like to go camping,” she said shyly.

Granny B smiled back at Lello. Then, she turned to Delbert. "Delbert, camping does require work, but it's worth it. You get to spend time in God's creation and see plants and animals you may not usually see."

Delbert nodded. "I know. I was excited at first, but now I don't know. It would just be easier to sleep at home in my own bed," he said.

"Baa, but your dad has planned a wonderful trip, Delbert," Lello added.

"Haw, I know," Delbert replied sadly. He laid his head on Granny B's lap. Granny B rubbed behind his ears for a minute.

"Delbert, do you remember what the Ten Commandments are?" Granny B asked.

"Haw. The ten special rules God gave to Moses," he answered.

"That's right," Granny B said, "and one of those rules says to honor your father and mother."

"What does 'honor' mean?" Lello asked.

"Honor means to show respect in what you say and do," Granny B explained. "Delbert," she continued, "you can honor your dad by trusting his choices for you. You can honor him by thanking him and going on the trip. And, you can honor him by cheerfully doing the work that must be done there."

"He'll take good care of you. I just know you'll be glad you went!" Lello added.

Delbert thought for a moment. "You are right. I need to respect and trust my dad. Getting to be with him and honoring him is worth the work!" Delbert declared.

Granny B smiled and Lello cheered. Delbert's mood had obviously brightened.

"Granny B, can you read to us about when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses?" Delbert asked.

Granny B nodded and stepped into the house for a moment. She returned with her Bible and a snack. The three sat on the porch while Granny B read from the Bible about the special rules God gave Moses. At the end, they tried to say all the

rules together. Delbert decided he would go see if his dad needed any help. He was truly excited about the camping trip!

"Thanks, Granny B," Delbert said as he stood to leave.

Lello stood, too. "Um, Delbert, do you think I could help you?" she asked shyly.

"Sure, come on, Lello. Bye, Granny B, and thanks again!" Delbert called. He ran down the steps with Lello close behind.

Granny stood up and watched the two skip back toward the barn. She decided to make a special camping treat for Delbert and went into the farmhouse to get started.