



"Be strong and brave."

The Promised Land: Crossing the Jordan –
Joshua 1:1-6, 3:9-17

It was a cool and sunny morning. Granny B sat in her favorite rocking chair on the front porch and listened to the birds. Then, she heard a familiar sound – a mix of hooves trotting down the path and laughter. She smiled as she saw Delbert and Lello rounding the corner and heading up the path to her front porch steps.

"Hello, my little ones," Granny B smiled as the little lamb and young donkey scrambled up the steps to sit beside her. "So, when is the big camping trip?" she asked.

"It's only a few days away," Lello cheered. "I can't wait!"

Granny B smiled at Lello, "I'm glad to hear you aren't afraid to go anymore."

Lello nuzzled her head into Granny B's lap, "I know God is with me."

Delbert brayed happily, "Hee Haw! And guess who gets to lead part of the camping trip?"

"Who?" Lello asked.

"Me!" Delbert said with delight. "My dad says I need to be strong and brave. I've been practicing."

Granny B pulled her worn Bible from her apron pocket. "That reminds me of a Bible story. It's about being a brave leader."

"It is?" Lello wondered. "Who is the leader?"

"It's Joshua," Granny B answered. "God sent Joshua to lead God's people into the Promised Land."

Delbert's eyes widened. "That's a big job to do. He must have been very brave!"

"He was," Granny B nodded. "Joshua obeyed God and led everyone out of the wilderness, across the Jordan River, and into the Promised Land."

"Wow. Hey Delbert, do we have to cross a river to get to our camping spot?" Lello asked nervously.

"I don't think so, but if we do, I am ready to lead you across safely, Lello," Delbert answered bravely.

"I know you are," Lello agreed. "You'll be a brave leader on our camping trip."

Granny B closed her Bible and tucked it away. "It sounds like you two are ready to go. I can't wait to hear all about it when you return."

"That reminds me, we need to go help my dad pack for the camping trip. Let's go, Lello!" With that, Delbert jumped up and clomped down the porch steps. Lello trotted happily behind him.

As they headed out of sight, Granny B could still hear the excitement in their voices. They were ready for a wonderful adventure!