



## In God's House

Jesus and His Father's House  
Luke 2:41-52

Granny B opened her Bible and began reading. She didn't get far before two little voices drifted her way. Granny B smiled and spotted Delbert and Lello heading toward the farmhouse. When she heard them calling, she closed her Bible.

"Granny B! Guess what?" Lello called.

"What, my little one?" Granny B responded.

"My little sister Lilly is old enough to come to church with me!" Lello explained.

"That's so exciting. Now Lilly can learn about Jesus, just like you!" Granny B said.

"Baa. Lilly says she doesn't want to come." Lello added sadly.

Delbert gasped, "Haw! Why doesn't she want to come?"

Lello answered, "Lilly says she'd rather stay home. I think she is afraid to come to a new place and I don't know what to do."

Granny B thought for a moment. Then she motioned for Lello and Delbert to join her on the porch. Delbert and Lello walked up the steps and sat next to Granny B. Lello looked at Granny B expectantly.

"You could tell her a story about Jesus," Granny B offered.

"Which one?" Lello asked.

"I was just reading about when Jesus was a young boy," Granny B responded as she opened her Bible again.

"Is this the story when His parents found Him in God's house?" Delbert asked.

Granny B nodded.

"God has a house?" Lello asked curiously.

"God's house is the name we give to any place where people gather to praise God and learn more about Him," Granny B explained.

"Yup. You see, Lello," Delbert began, "Jesus and His family were traveling back home after a big feast but at the end of the day, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus anywhere."

It was Lello's turn to gasp.

"Mary and Joseph looked everywhere. They finally found Him in God's house. Jesus called it His Father's house," Granny B added.

"Jesus really loved His Father's house, huh," Lello said.

"Jesus loved God. God is our heavenly Father, too. When we are in church, we are in our heavenly Father's house. It is God's house," Granny B explained.

"Haw! I love God, too and I love to go to God's house!" Delbert exclaimed, jumping up and dancing around. Lello joined in.

Granny B and Lello laughed. Lello stopped suddenly and said, "I'm still not sure Lilly will want to come to church with me."

Delbert stopped dancing. He looked discouraged, then suddenly his eyes lit up. "I know! Tell her all the great things we do at church. We hear Bible stories, pray and talk to God, and we get to sing praises to Him!" Delbert offered. That made Lello happy and he started dancing around again.

Lello smiled. She knew her friends could help her. "Thank you, Delbert. Thank you, Granny B. Now, I need to go find Lilly and tell her all about God's house, our church!" Lello said.

"Haw! I'll help you! Come on, let's go check by the garden," Delbert suggested.

Lello and Delbert said goodbye to Granny B and ran off to find Lello's sister. Granny B waved to them before returning to read her Bible.