



God Loves You

Jesus Is Baptized
Mark 1:1-11

Granny B and Pops were sitting by the stream listening to the calm sound of the water flowing over the rocks. Pops let out a long, deep sigh. Granny B smiled. She started to comment on the peace and quiet when she heard a loud squeal.

Pops laughed. "Sounds like Delbert and Lello are on their way to join us."

"Indeed," Granny B laughed in return.

Moments later, Delbert and Lello joined Granny B and Pops by the stream. After everyone said hello, Granny B turned to Lello.

"Did your sister go to church with you?" she asked Lello.

Lello smiled broadly. "Yes! Lilly had a great time!"

"That's wonderful to hear!" Pops exclaimed.

Granny B nodded and added, "I bet your mom was happy."

"Baaa. She was! Mom even showed Lilly and I pictures of when we were baptized."

Delbert looked confused. "Haw! What does 'baptized' mean?"

"That's a great question," Pops began. "Being baptized is being sprinkled or dunked in water to show you have a clean new start following Jesus. It shows others that we belong to Him.

Now Lello had a question. She asked, "Was Jesus baptized?"

Granny B nodded. "Yes, little one. In fact, there is a story in the Bible about when Jesus was baptized," Granny B said as she pulled her Bible from her apron pocket.

"Baa! Oh, can you tell us what happened, Granny B? Please?" Lello eagerly asked.

Granny B opened her Bible to the story and then she began, "Jesus was baptized by John. When Jesus came out of the water the heavens opened."

Delbert and Lello's eyes grew big.

"And God said, 'You are My Son and I love You. I am very pleased with You,'" Pops continued.

"Haw! I would love to hear God tell Jesus He loves Him," Delbert exclaimed.

"God sure does love His Son," Lello remarked.

"You're right. Jesus is God's only Son and guess what?" Granny B asked.

Delbert and Lello's eyes grew even bigger, excited to hear what Granny B had to say.

"God loves us, too!" Granny B said as she hugged Delbert and Lello.

"Haw! And I love God!" Delbert said jumping up and splashing in the stream.

"Delbert, let's go find Lilly and tell her about when Jesus was baptized!" Lello exclaimed excitedly.

Delbert and Lello said goodbye to Granny B and Pops and ran off in search of Lilly.

Granny B and Pops waved goodbye. Then, Granny B closed her Bible and put it back in her apron pocket. She turned to Pops just in time to feel cool water on her face and arm. Pops had playfully splashed Granny B with water from the stream. They laughed together as Pops wiped the water from Granny B's face.