



Do What Is Right

Jesus Is Tempted
Matthew 4:1-11

Lello peeked in the barn and then shook her head. Next, she checked the garden. Again, Lello shook her head. Delbert watched curiously, wondering what Lello was up to. He followed her to the stream and watched as she shook her head again.

"Lello, what are you doing?" Delbert asked.

"Baa!" Lello jumped. She did not know Delbert had followed her. "I'm looking for Granny B."

"She's at the farmhouse. Come on!" Delbert exclaimed and together they ran off to the farmhouse.

Indeed, they did find Granny B knitting on the steps of the farmhouse. Granny B put her knitting down when she saw her two friends heading up the steps.

"Granny B, guess what?" Lello asked.

"What little one?" Granny B asked back.

"My little sister, Lilly, and I are learning Bible verses," Lello gushed.

Before Granny B could respond, Delbert spoke up.

"What? That doesn't sound like a very fun thing to do," he said.

"Oh, but it is. We make up little songs to help us," Lello explained excitedly.

"Remembering Bible verses is a wonderful thing to do. They will make you wise and strong," Granny B added.

"How can they do that?" Delbert asked.

"Well, the words in the Bible are God's words. When you know them by heart, you'll be wise about what God wants you to do." Granny B answered, "Knowing God's words can help you when you are tempted."

Lello asked, "What does tempted mean?"

"I know that," Delbert stated proudly. "Tempted means when you are thinking of doing something that is wrong."

"Everyone is tempted sometimes; even Jesus was tempted," Granny B added.

Both Delbert and Lello looked astonished. "Really?" they asked.

Granny B nodded. "Yes, this morning I read a Bible story about Satan tempting Jesus," Granny B said as she opened her Bible.

Concerned, Lello asked, "Baa...oh no! What did Jesus do?"

"Jesus answered Satan with Bible verses," Granny B replied with a smile. "Remembering Bible verses will help us when we are tempted."

Granny B closed her Bible and studied her friends for a moment. She could tell Delbert was thinking. Lello put her head in Granny B's lap and Granny B gently rubbed behind her ears. After a minute or two, Delbert spoke up.

"Haw. Lello, can you teach me the verse you and Lilly are learning?" Delbert asked.

"I'd love to. Let's go find Lilly and the three of us can practice together!" Lello replied excitedly.

"Have fun little ones and I'd love to hear you say your Bible verse when I see you next time!" Granny B called out as Delbert and Lello left to find Lilly.