



Listen to Him

Jesus and the Transfiguration
Matthew 17:1-8

Delbert and Lello hurried toward the garden. Granny B and Pops had asked them to come for a visit after lunch. Both were excited to find out why.

"I wonder if they want to tell us something," Delbert said.

"Or, maybe they have something to show us," Lello wondered.

The fence around the garden came into view and Delbert and Lello started to run. They couldn't wait any longer! Inside the fence, Granny B and Pops laughed as they saw the two little animals running toward them. Delbert and Lello entered the garden with wide, excited eyes.

Granny B smiled at her two friends. "Hello, my little ones," she began. "Pops and I have asked you here because we'd like to give you something."

"Haw! What?" Delbert asked.

"We've made a special corner of the garden just for the two of you. You can plant whatever you'd like," Pops told them.

Delbert and Lello were delighted! They ran over to their corner of the garden and began making plans. Lello wanted to plant lots of flowers for a beautiful garden.

"I want to plant lots of yummy things to eat," Delbert decided.

"I'm glad you two are so excited. The garden will take lots of work, but before you know it you will see a lot of changes," Granny B said.

"Baa... changes?" Lello asked confused.

"Haw! Lello, our garden won't grow over night..." Delbert tried to explain to his friend. Lello still seemed confused.

"First, you plant seeds. Slowly they grow roots underground, then stems, then leaves and flowers," Pops explained carefully, "or, you can plant small plants, like tomatoes, but you have to wait for the plants to get bigger before they make fruit."

Lello's eyes grew wide. "That's amazing! I can't believe our garden will go through all those changes!" she exclaimed.

"I wonder if that is how the disciples felt when they saw Jesus change," Granny B thought out loud.

Delbert looked at her curiously. "Jesus changed?" He asked.

"Yes, Jesus changed and all His friends saw it! Jesus and the disciples went up to the top of a tall mountain. Suddenly, Jesus looked very different," Granny B said. "His face shown like the sun and His clothes changed to bright white," Granny B described.

"Haw! I wish I could have seen that. What happened next?" Delbert asked.

"A bright cloud came and they heard God's voice say, 'Listen to Him,'" Pops replied.

"Wow! I wish I could have heard that! I bet they always listened to Jesus after that!" Lello exclaimed.

"I bet the disciples were amazed. I would be!" Delbert added.

"That makes me think of your new garden! I know we will all be amazed to watch your garden grow," Granny B laughed.

"Why don't we get to work? I have some tools and seeds for you to start planting," Pops said as he walked toward his wheelbarrow.

They all worked together in the garden. Granny B helped them plan where to plant the seeds for flowers and vegetables and Pops helped with the digging. All

the while, Delbert and Lello grew more and more excited about having a garden of their very own. They couldn't wait to see the changes.