



Who Is This King?

Advent 2: Naming the King
Matthew 1:18-35

Delbert and Lello looked in the barn, by the stream, and in the garden, but they didn't find Ranger Ryan.

"There's only one other place I can think of," Delbert said.

"Where?" Lello asked.

"The farmhouse, of course. Haw! I bet Granny B is fixing him some hot chocolate right now," Delbert replied, licking his lips.

"Baa, I do love hot chocolate. Oh, let's run over and see if he's there," Lello said excitedly. The weather had gotten cooler and Lello was tired of walking.

As Delbert and Lello approached the farmhouse, they could see Pops and Ranger Ryan on the porch. Together they ran, excited to spend more time with Ranger Ryan. They had missed him since his visit over the summer and were excited to hear his stories.

"Hello," Ranger Ryan called, as Delbert and Lello leapt onto the porch.

"Hi, Ranger Ryan! We've been looking everywhere for you," Delbert panted.

"I couldn't pass up some of Granny B's delicious hot chocolate and Pops even made some cinnamon toast," explained Ranger Ryan.

Pops laughed. He called into the house and asked Granny B to bring out two more hot chocolates and a few extra cinnamon toast slices. Then, he invited Delbert and Lello to sit down.

"Ranger Ryan, will you tell us more of the Christmas story?" Lello asked hopefully.

"Haw! Please! I loved hearing about the angel Gabriel announcing the coming of Jesus to Mary," Delbert added.

Ranger Ryan smiled, cleared his throat, and began, "Today, I will tell you about Joseph and the angel. In the Bible, it says Mary was going to be married to a man named Joseph. One night an angel appeared to him in a dream."

"Ooh. What did the angel tell Joseph?" asked Lello.

"The angel told Joseph not to be afraid. Mary was going to have a baby boy and Joseph was to name Him Jesus," Ranger Ryan continued.

"Haw! How cool! God chose Joseph to name the baby!" Delbert exclaimed. "What happened next?"

"Joseph did just what the angel had told him to do and when the baby was born, Joseph named Him Jesus," answered Ranger Ryan.

Just then, Granny B walked out carrying a tray with hot chocolate and cinnamon toast. Everyone was thankful for the warm, delicious treat. The five friends relaxed on the porch while they continued to talk about Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.