



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 7

Forgive Everyone

Jesus Teaches: Showing Mercy
Matthew 5:1-2, 7

Granny B and Pops sat on the porch quietly sipping lemonade. Suddenly, the silence was broken by a burst of voices coming from around the side of the farmhouse. Granny B smiled while Pops laughed, both knowing Delbert and Lello were nearby.

"Haw! Granny B! Pops!" Delbert called excitedly.

"Hello, little ones," Granny B said, motioning for them to come up on the porch.

"What are you two so excited about?" Pops asked.

"Baa. Delbert and I decided to pick some strawberries for all our friends," Lello answered softly.

"Haw! We're going to make little cards to go with them. We'll decorate the cards and write 'Jesus loves you' on them," Delbert added.

"Oh, that's a wonderful idea," Granny B said. "You will be serving your friends just like Jesus served others."

Delbert nodded and then paused with a confused look on his face. "Serving? What do you mean?"

"Serving means to help others and to show you care for them," Pops explained.

Lello sat down next to Granny B and put her chin on Granny B's lap. She asked, "How did Jesus serve others?"

Granny B smiled. She picked her Bible up off the table next to her. She opened it as she said, "Jesus served us in so many ways. One way Jesus served us was to teach us about God."

"Wow! It would be so great to have Jesus as our teacher! Who did He teach?" Delbert asked.

Granny B nodded to Pops who explained, "He taught His followers and all the crowds that came to see Him."

"Well what did He teach them about?" Lello wondered.

Granny B began to read from her Bible: "Jesus saw the crowds. So he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him. Then He began to teach them... Blessed are those who show mercy for they will be shown mercy."

"Granny B, I don't understand," said Delbert. "What did Jesus mean when He said show mercy?"

Granny B answered, "To show mercy is to forgive."

"I've heard that word before. What does forgive mean?" Lello asked.

"I know that one!" Delbert answered proudly, "To forgive is to stop being angry with someone for the wrong thing he did to you."

"Yeahhhhh, now I see. Jesus wants us to forgive everyone—that is showing mercy! Lello cheered.

"Oh my! What good listeners you are!" Pops gently patted Lello's head.

"It's fun to listen when Jesus is teaching!" Delbert replied. "Lello, let's go pick those strawberries for our friends. Then, we can tell them what Jesus taught us about forgiving everyone!"

"Remember to come back and tell us how your friends liked them," Pops called with a smile as he watched Delbert and Lello trot down the path to the garden.