



God Loves You

Jesus and Nicodemus
John 3:1-5, 16

Delbert and Lello sat in the shade of the big tree. Unaware someone was watching them, they talked together and told stories. Granny B spotted the two friends as she walked towards the garden.

"Hello, little ones," she called to Delbert and Lello.

"Granny B!" Delbert and Lello yelled. They both jumped up and ran to her.

"Have you two delivered any strawberries?" asked Granny B.

Lello nodded. "We did this morning," she answered shyly.

Granny B smiled. "Who got the first basket of fresh strawberries?" she asked.

"Haw! We took them to Mama Sheep and her little lamb, Joey. Boy, were they excited! Mama Sheep loved the card we made. Delbert smiled from ear to ear and added, "It said, 'Jesus loves you.'"

"Wonderful! I'm sure they loved the strawberries," Granny B said.

Lello nodded and added, "Mama Sheep even thanked us for the time we watched little Joey and taught him about Jesus."

Remembering a Bible story she read that morning, Granny B pulled her Bible out of her apron pocket. She flipped it open to the page she was thinking about. "This morning I read about a time when Jesus taught a man named Nicodemus," Granny B explained.

"Nic-o-de-mus? Oooh, what did Jesus teach Nic-o-de-mus? Did He teach him about God?" Lello asked.

"Yes, Lello, it was about God. Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves us so much He sent His Son to help us," Granny B answered.

"Haw! God is so good. He loves us a whole lot!" Delbert said with excitement.

"Baa, we taught little Joey just like Jesus taught Nicodemus," Lello added happily.

Granny B smiled and rubbed Lello's ears. "You did! It's good to tell others how much God loves everyone in the world," encouraged Granny B.

Delbert nodded in agreement. Suddenly, his eyes opened wide and he began leaping around. "It is good! Lello, let's go collect some more strawberries for our next basket!"

Lello liked the idea. Granny B offered to walk with them to the garden to pick her very best ripe strawberries for their next basket. Delbert and Lello were excited to have Granny B help them. The three headed off to Granny B's garden, chatting about Jesus and Nicodemus all along the way.