



## **Give to the Lord**

**Jesus Is Anointed**  
**John 12:1-3**

The sun shone down on Delbert and Lello who were both hard at work in their new garden. Granny B and Pops had given the two friends a small piece of land where they could grow whatever plants they wanted. Every day, Delbert and Lello tended to the garden. They pulled weeds, watered the new plants, and enjoyed watching all the changes that were happening in their garden.

"Mmmm...this flower smells lovely," sighed Lello as she stuck her nose into a newly opened bloom. "To think this flower came from a tiny seed!"

"Haw! Our garden does look great. Oh look, here comes Granny B!" Delbert exclaimed.

Granny B waved to Delbert and Lello as she entered the garden. She was pushing a wheelbarrow full of gardening supplies.

"Hello, my little ones!" She called cheerfully. "How is your garden coming along?"

"Great! Look at all of our flowers and my vegetables are getting bigger every day. I can't wait to taste one!" Delbert said licking his lips.

Lello brought a flower over to Granny B who agreed the flower smelled very good. "Baa...I wish I smelled like a flower," Lello said.

Granny B smiled. "That would be nice, wouldn't it? You know, this reminds me of a Bible story about perfume."

"Haw! Perfume? What is that?" Delbert asked.

"Perfume is special oil that smells very good," Granny B explained, pulling her Bible from her apron. She paused a minute to open to the Bible story. "Jesus' friend Mary gave all of her expensive perfume to Him," she continued.

"All of it?" Delbert asked shocked.

"Oh, I bet it smelled beautiful," Lello softly added.

"Yes, the Bible says the whole house smelled sweet!" Granny B agreed.

"But why did Mary give all of the perfume to Jesus?" Delbert wondered.

"She wanted to show Jesus how much she loved Him. Her perfume was her most treasured possession." Granny B answered.

Lello and Delbert thought about the Bible story for a few minutes as they continued to work in their garden. Granny B put on her gardening gloves and started to pull some weeds from her rows of carrots. She paused when she noticed Lello had stopped weeding and was deep in thought.

"Lello dear, what are you thinking about?" Granny B asked gently.

"I wish I had perfume to give to Jesus," Lello said.

"Well, we have other treasures we can give to Jesus!" Granny B encouraged.

"Haw! We do? Like what?" Delbert asked, excitedly joining the conversation.

"The money you bring to church for offering is a treasure to Jesus and when you sing to Jesus with all your heart, that's a treasure for Him, too."

Delbert thought for a minute. Suddenly, his eyes grew wide. "Can the flowers and vegetables from our garden be a treasure to Jesus?" he asked breathlessly.

Granny B laughed sweetly at his enthusiasm and nodded her head yes.

Delbert and Lello both turned back to their garden and pulled the weeds with much more energy and excitement.

Granny B smiled and began to work in her garden as well. As she weeded and dug holes for new plants, she softly hummed the melody of the song, "Jesus Loves Me." Before long, the three friends were singing songs to Jesus as they worked in the garden and thought about the treasures they could give to Him.