



The Lord Has Risen

Jesus is Risen
John 20:1-18

Granny B sat on the farmhouse porch enjoying the spring morning. The sun was rising, casting a warm light on all the new life. Granny B sipped her tea then smiled as she heard two familiar voices.

"Happy Easter, Granny B!" came the call of Delbert and Lello.

"Happy Easter, little ones," Granny B said, returning their greeting.

Delbert and Lello bounded up the porch steps and took a seat on either side of Granny B. Delbert could hardly sit still; Granny B knew he wanted to tell her something.

"Guess what, Granny B?" Delbert finally asked.

"What?" asked Granny B.

"Mama Sheep said we can take care of her little lamb, Joey, while she is away!"

"Wow! That's a big job but it does sound like a lot of fun. I do love lambs." Granny B replied, smiling as she gently rubbed behind Lello's ears.

"Haw! We made a big list of things we're going to do with him. It'll be so much fun!" Delbert added.

"How long is Mama Sheep going to be gone?" Granny B asked.

"She said she'd be back soon," Lello replied softly.

Delbert added boldly, "We're going to take great care of him!"

"I know you will. What are you going to do with Joey today?" asked Granny B.

"Baaa... we're going to take him to the garden and show him our flowers and plants," Lello answered.

Granny B smiled. Weeks ago she had given Delbert and Lello a little section of the garden as their own. The two friends had worked hard on their garden and now it was beautiful.

"I bet Joey will love that. I love seeing the new life that comes in the spring—plants come to life and flowers bloom..." Granny B began.

"Yeah, and baby chicks are born, too. All this new life reminds me of Jesus!" Lello added.

"Haw! That's because Jesus rose from the dead and came to life on the first Easter morning," Delbert said standing up. "He is risen!" he added.

Granny B smiled and replied, "He is risen indeed. Jesus will live forever."

Lello put her head in Granny B's lap. "Mary was so excited that she ran and told Peter and John. They were so excited they ran to see for themselves!" Lello said.

"Haw! Lello! We should run and tell little Joey about Easter!" Delbert exclaimed.

Lello lifted her head and gave Granny B a goodbye nuzzle. Delbert said a quick goodbye then ran down the steps. Lello followed closely behind and the two headed towards the barn to find little Joey.

Granny B waved as her two friends disappeared. She picked up her tea, sat back in the rocking chair, and thought about the spring morning and all the excitement the day would bring.