



Take Care of My Sheep

Jesus Talks with Peter
John 21:15-17

The sun slowly began sinking, filling the farm sky with warm colors. Granny B stood up and gathered her things. She had spent the afternoon working in her garden and now she needed to get back to the farmhouse to fix dinner. As she walked through the garden gate, Delbert and Lello came up the path.

"Hello, Granny B," Lello said sweetly.

"Hello, little ones. How was your day today?" Granny B greeted them.

"Haw! It was great. We've been having a great time with little Joey!" Delbert answered excitedly.

Lello nodded and said, "He's so sweet."

"I'm glad you two are taking such good care of him. Mama Sheep will be proud." Granny B said with a smile.

"Today, he wanted to make a card for his mommy," Delbert added.

"Oh, is it her birthday?" Granny B asked, as they turned the corner.

"No, he just wanted to tell her he loves her. Isn't that sweet?" Lello asked.

"It sure is," Granny B agreed. "It's important to tell our friends and family we love them. Do you know who else we should tell we love?"

Delbert and Lello thought for a moment. Both were unsure and asked Granny B to tell them.

"Jesus!" Granny B replied.

"Baa, really?" Lello asked, amazed.

"Yes, today I was reading in my Bible about the time Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him," Granny B explained.

"Haw! Peter said 'yes,' right?" Delbert asked.

"Yes, Delbert. Peter told Jesus he loved Him. It's good for us to tell Jesus we love Him," Granny B said. "Do you know what Jesus said to Peter?"

"No," Delbert replied. "What did Jesus say?"

Granny B answered, "Jesus said, 'If you love Me, care for my sheep.'"

"Jesus had sheep?" Lello wondered.

Granny B chuckled, "Jesus called all the people who belong to Him His sheep."

"Haw! So I'm one of His sheep, even though I'm a donkey?" Delbert asked.

"Yes, Delbert. Everyone who loves Jesus is like one of His sheep. Jesus wants us to care for each other. That's one way we can show Jesus we love Him. When you taught Joey the Bible stories, you were caring for one of Jesus' sheep."

Lello interrupted, "And showing Jesus we love Him?"

"Yes dear, that's right," Granny B answered as she gently rubbed Lello's ears.

Delbert and Lello talked with Granny B about how much they loved Jesus. Pretty soon they were at the steps leading up to the farmhouse. Granny B told them she needed to get inside to make dinner for Pops and herself. She thanked them for walking her home.

Delbert's eyes lit up suddenly. "Haw! Lello, let's go find little Joey and tell him this story. Then together we can show Jesus we love Him.

"Baa, that's a great idea. Little Joey has a lot of love to share," Lello answered. With that they said goodbye to Granny B and ran towards the barn to find the little lamb.