



The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Good Shepherd
John 10:14-16

The campfire burned brightly in the dark. Pops and Granny B looked forward to more summer evenings when they could gather around the campfire with their dear friends Ranger Ryan, Lello, and Delbert.

Tonight, Ranger Ryan invited Delbert and Lello to take a walk with him in search of more sticks for the campfire. Soon Pops and Granny B could hear their voices coming nearer. They turned and saw Delbert and Lello carrying a large pile of sticks while Ranger Ryan led the way.

"Hi, Pops! Hi, Granny B!" all three called excitedly. Pops and Granny B waved. Delbert and Lello set the sticks down and took a seat near the fire. Ranger Ryan added a few more sticks on top of the pile.

As he sat down, Ranger Ryan asked, "Are you ready to hear another story?"

"Yes!" everyone answered together.

"Let's begin. This is a story Jesus told. Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.'"

"Baa! A story about sheep! I'm so excited," Lello whispered to Granny B.

Ranger Ryan continued, "Jesus said, 'and I give My life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this flock. I must bring them in. They will listen to My voice, too. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.'"

"Haw! Shepherds take very good care of sheep," Delbert remarked.

"That's right. And Jesus is our Shepherd. We belong to Him and He loves us very much," Pops said.

"I'm glad Jesus wants to bring in more sheep!" Lello added.

Ranger Ryan nodded. "Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. And it's wonderful that we belong to Him."

Delbert asked Lello about being a sheep. Lello gladly shared stories about sheep with her friends. Everyone listened and asked questions. After a little while, Delbert asked Lello if he could pretend to be a sheep for the rest of the night.

"Baa! Of course, I'll show you how sheep get ready for bed," Lello offered.

"Thanks for the story, Ranger Ryan. Goodnight Pops and Granny B," Delbert and Lello called out as they trotted toward the barn.

"Goodnight!" Pops and Granny B replied.

"I'll see you tomorrow night for another story," Ranger Ryan called.