



Judge Fairly

Deborah, the Judge
Judges 4:4-5; 5:7

Granny B sat knitting as she watched the trees sway gently in the breeze. The farm was so peaceful. Soon, she heard two little voices break the silence.

"Hello, my little ones," Granny B called gently to Delbert and Lello.

"Hi, Granny B!" Lello called happily.

"Haw! Granny B! Lello helped solve a problem!" Delbert exclaimed proudly.

"That's great. What was the problem?" Granny B asked, watching Delbert and Lello climb the stairs onto the porch.

"My friend Beaker the Duck and I were having a problem. We made a fort together. I wanted to be king, but Beaker wouldn't let me have a turn," Delbert explained.

"Oh, dear. That is a problem. How did Lello help?" Granny B asked.

"Lello helped us figure out what was fair," Delbert shared.

Granny B smiled at Lello and said, "Just like a judge, little Lello."

Lello smiled at Granny B and asked, "Um...what is a judge?"

"A judge," Granny B explained, "is a person who helps decide what is right and fair."

Lello nodded her head while Delbert jumped up and down. "Just like Lello! Lello, the judge!"

"Baa. Granny B, can you tell us more about judges? Were there any judges in the Bible?" Lello asked.

"Yes! God sent judges to help his people. Today, I read about a judge named Deborah," Granny B replied, setting her knitting down and grabbing her Bible.

"Haw! Can you tell us about Deborah?" Delbert asked.

Granny B nodded, as she pulled her Bible out of her apron pocket. She turned to the story of Deborah and began, "Deborah sat under a palm tree. People came there to tell her about their problems and Deborah decided what was right and fair."

"That's wonderful. I bet the people were happy God sent Deborah," Lello said.

"Yes, Lello. Did you know God gives us people like Deborah?" Granny B asked.

Both Delbert and Lello's eyes widened and together they said, "He does? Who?"

Granny B smiled. "Our teachers can help us decide what is fair."

"Baa. And our parents and grandparents, right?" Lello suggested.

"And you, Lello! You were like a judge today. Hey, let's go find Beaker. We can tell him what we learned about judges," Delbert said.

"And maybe we can take turns pretending we are Deborah. We can all sit under a tree and decide what is fair," Lello added.

"That sounds like a great idea," Granny B called as Delbert and Lello waved and ran down the porch steps in search of Beaker the Duck.