



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 37

I Will Listen

Samuel and Eli
1 Samuel 3:1-10

Delbert and Lello spotted Granny B bending over on one knee, pulling weeds from her garden. They decided to go say hello and raced each other to the garden gate.

"Hello, Granny B!" Delbert and Lello called cheerfully.

"Hello, my little ones," Granny B replied. She looked up as she tossed a handful of weeds into her bucket.

"Whatcha' doing?" Delbert asked.

"Well, I haven't been in the garden for a few days and there were quite a few weeds," Granny B said, pointing to the bucket. "Why don't you two join me? I could use some help with these weeds. I can tell you a story about a young boy named Samuel who worked to serve the Lord in the temple," Granny B said.

Delbert and Lello agreed to help Granny B. As they worked together, Granny B began her story.

"One night, when Samuel was a young boy, he woke up to someone calling his name," Granny B said.

"Haw! Who was it?" Delbert asked.

"Samuel ran to Eli, the man in charge of the temple where Samuel lived," Granny B said.

"Why? Was Eli the one who called to Samuel?" Lello wondered aloud.

"Eli told Samuel, 'I did not call you. Go back and lie down.' So, Samuel went back to bed." Granny B went on, "Once again, young Samuel heard someone calling his name. And again, Eli said, 'I did not call you. Go back and lie down.'"

"Oh Granny B, did Samuel ever find out who was calling him?" Lello asked.

"You're about to find out," Granny B said smiling. "Back in bed, Samuel heard someone calling his name a third time. This time Eli figured out God was the one calling to Samuel! He said, 'Samuel, if you hear that voice again, tell the Lord you are listening!'"

Delbert's mouth dropped. "Haw! God talked to Samuel? How cool! I wish God would talk to me. I would listen, too!"

Granny B smiled at Delbert. "Why don't we all be quiet for a moment?"

"What? Why are we being quiet?" Delbert asked looking around.

"Shhhh," Granny B hushed.

"But, I don't hear anything," Delbert said.

"We are listening for God," Granny B explained.

"Baa! You mean we can hear God, too?" Lello was surprised.

"Yes, God speaks to our hearts through our Bible stories and through other people," Granny B started to explain.

"Like when you and Pops teach us about God?" Delbert asked.

"That's right, and God speaks to us through nature," Granny B said.

"Baa! When I hear the birds singing it always makes me think of Jesus," Lello said sweetly.

Granny B suggested they take a break from weeding. So, the three friends walked down to the stream to sit and listen for what God might say to their hearts.