



# A Friend Loves at All Times

David and Jonathan  
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Granny B walked around the farm. It was a beautiful day. As she headed toward the stream, she enjoyed the songs the birds were singing. Soon, she heard two familiar voices.

"Hello, little ones," Granny B called. "Oh, what lovely bandanas you have," she added when she saw the matching bandanas tied around their necks.

"Baa. Thank you. They are our best friend bandanas," Lello explained.

"Haw! That's right. We're best friends. Lello made them for us. We wore our bandanas when Lello helped me paint the barn for my dad. Lello is my best friend forever!" Delbert shouted.

"That's wonderful. Isn't it great that God sends us friends?" Granny B asked, sitting near the stream. Delbert and Lello sat down next to her.

"We made best friend promises, too! We promised to always be friends," Lello added sweetly.

"That reminds me of David and Jonathan," Granny B said.

"Haw. Are those friends of yours?" Delbert asked curiously.

Granny B smiled and answered, "No, I'm talking about David and Jonathan from the Bible."

"Is that the same David that fought the giant Goliath?" Lello asked.

"Yes, Jonathan was David's best friend. They made promises to each other, too." Granny B pulled her Bible out of her apron pocket. As she flipped through the pages, Delbert asked about their promise.

"David promised to be kind to Jonathan and to Jonathan's whole family forever," Granny B explained.

"That's a great promise," Lello whispered. "Delbert, I promise to be kind to you and your whole family forever."

"And I promise to be kind to you and your whole family forever!" Delbert replied happily. The two friends gave each other a big hug.

Granny B hugged them both. She looked at her Bible again and said, "The Bible says that a friend loves at all times. Would you two like to memorize that verse?"

"Yes!" Delbert and Lello both shouted.

"A friend loves at all times," Granny B said again.

"A friend loves at all times," Delbert and Lello repeated.

"I think I've got it!," Delbert said. "Lello, let's make a song about being friends."

"Baa. That sounds like fun," Lello replied. "Bye, Granny B. Thank you for telling us about David and Jonathan," Lello said as she nuzzled her. Delbert came up and gave Granny B another hug. Then, he led Lello further down the stream as they worked on their friendship song.

Granny B stayed by the stream for a few more minutes, enjoying the sounds around her. Silently, she read the story of David and Jonathan once again. When she finished, she closed her Bible and put it in her pocket. She gave it a pat and then headed back up the path to the farmhouse.