



I Can Show Kindness

David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 9:1-11

Granny B sat in a rocking chair with a pad of paper on her lap and a pen in her hand. She wrote, paused and thought, and then wrote again. She looked up as she heard Delbert's voice coming around the side of the farmhouse.

"Hello, little one!" Granny B called, as she put her pen down.

"Hi, Granny B!" Delbert called to her, while running up the steps of the porch.
"What are you doing?"

"I'm writing a letter to one of my oldest and dearest friends," Granny B explained.

"Haw! That's great!" Delbert said, as he sat down next to Granny B.

"Where's Lello?" Granny B asked. Rarely did she see Delbert and Lello apart.

"She was running slowly and I didn't want to wait," Delbert explained.

Granny B looked at Delbert carefully and said, "Delbert, that doesn't sound like something a friend would do."

Delbert looked confused. "Haw? It doesn't?"

Granny B shook her head. She reminded Delbert of the friendship promise he and Lello made to each other.

"That's right! We promised to be kind to each other forever. Leaving Lello behind wasn't very kind. I'll be right back, Granny B!" Delbert exclaimed, as he jumped up and ran down the porch steps.

Granny B went back to writing her letter. A few minutes later she heard Lello's soft laughter. She invited both Delbert and Lello to sit with her on the porch to hear a Bible story. When they were ready, Granny B began.

"This is the story of David and Mephibosheth," Granny B said.

"God bless you," Delbert said politely.

Lello looked strangely at Delbert then asked Granny B to continue.

"Remember when David promised to be kind to Jonathan's family?" Granny B asked. Delbert and Lello nodded yes. "Years later David became king. He kept his promise and invited someone from Jonathan's family to his house," she continued.

"Who did he invite?" Lello asked.

"Mephibosheth," Granny B replied.

"God bless you again! Are you getting a cold? You keep sneezing!" Delbert said.

Granny B chuckled and explained that she was not sneezing. Mephibosheth was the man's name. Delbert laughed at his mistake.

Granny B continued the story. "Mephibosheth could not walk, so it was hard for him to go places with his friends. King David showed kindness and invited him to always eat at the king's table."

Lello nodded. "Baa. It's no fun when you're left out."

Granny B rubbed behind Lello's ears. "God wants us to include everyone," she said, as she gently closed her Bible.

"Lello, I'm sorry I left you today while we were running around the farm. Would you like to play in the stream with me?" Delbert asked hopefully.

"Baa! I'd love to. Thank you, Granny B, for that story," Lello said. She followed Delbert down the steps.

"You're welcome. Have fun, you two," Granny B replied. Granny B finished her letter, folded it, and slipped it into an envelope. She was excited to send the stories of the farm to her friend.