



Wait for the Gift

The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:3-11

Granny B waited patiently on the farmhouse porch for Delbert and Lello. She had invited them over for breakfast and the oatmeal was just about ready in the kitchen. It wasn't long before Granny B could barely make out two shapes walking up the path. She hurried into the kitchen. By the time she returned carrying a tray of warm oatmeal and milk, Delbert and Lello were walking up the steps.

"Good morning, my little ones," Granny B said with a warm smile.

"Haw! Hi, Granny B! Did you have a nice Christmas? I know I did. It was fun to be with my family and open gifts," Delbert said excitedly.

"I had a wonderful Christmas. How about you, Lello?" Granny B asked.

Lello was looking behind her and down the path. She did not hear Granny B.

"Lello? Hello, Lello!" Delbert called, trying to get her attention.

"Baa? Oh, I'm sorry," she said softly.

"That's ok, dear. Is everything alright?" Granny B asked rubbing behind Lello's soft ears.

"Oh, yes. I'm just looking for the mailman," Lello explained.

"Haw. Why are you looking for him?" Delbert asked as he sniffed his oatmeal. He was waiting for it to cool down a bit.

"My grandmother told me that a special gift would be coming in the mail. I'm so excited to see what she's sending me, but it's so hard to wait," said Lello.

"You're right, Lello; it can be hard to wait. Did you know there is a verse in the Bible that encourages us to wait?" Granny B asked.

"Haw! There is?" replied Delbert.

"Yes," said Granny B as she opened her Bible, "it says, 'Wait for the gift.'"

"Granny B, you mean Jesus wants us to wait?" Lello asked curiously.

"That's right, Lello. In the Bible, Jesus told His followers to wait for the gift," Granny B said.

"What gift were they waiting for?" asked Lello.

"Haw! Was it a racecar like the one I got for Christmas?" Delbert asked.

"No," Granny B said with a laugh. "The gift Jesus was talking about was the Holy Spirit."

"The Holy Spirit? What's that?" Delbert asked.

"The Holy Spirit is God," Granny B said. "He is the part of God that is our special helper. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His followers."

"Wow! That is a gift worth waiting for, and I know the gift my grandmother sent is worth the wait, too," Lello said decidedly.

"I have an idea," Granny B said. "Let's eat our oatmeal and then we can all walk down the road to wait for the mailman together."

"Haw! That sounds like a great idea," Delbert said, ready to dig in and eat his breakfast. "Do you have any brown sugar I can sprinkle on top?"

"Of course, Delbert, right here," Granny B said, handing him the sugar bowl.

The three quickly ate their oatmeal. Delbert and Lello helped Granny B clean up, and then the three friends walked down the road together to wait for the mailman.