



He Walked and Jumped and Praised God

Peter and the Crippled Man
Acts 3:1-10

Delbert and Lello ran through the field with their arms outstretched. They were pretending to be birds. As they reached the end of the field, they both spotted Pops working on his tractor. Delbert suggested they run over and say hello.

Pops had seen Delbert and Lello running through the field and was glad to see they were coming his way. As they drew nearer, he called out a warm hello.

"Hi, Pops," Lello said, a little out of breath.

"You two look like you've been having fun this morning," Pops said, wiping his hands on a rag.

"Haw! We sure have! Hey Pops, Granny B has been teaching us about the Holy Spirit. Can you teach us some more?" Delbert asked.

"I'd love to. This morning I read about a man named Peter. Peter was one of Jesus' friends. He was filled with the Holy Spirit," Pops began.

"What did Peter do?" Lello asked curiously.

"One day, Peter was going to the temple to pray," Pops answered.

"What's a temple?" Delbert asked.

"A temple is like a church. It was a place people went to pray and learn about God," Pops explained. "On his way there, Peter saw a man who couldn't walk begging for money."

"Oh," Lello said softly, "did Peter give him some money?"

"Peter didn't have any money, but he gave the man something even better!" Pops exclaimed.

Delbert and Lello looked at each other. Neither one knew what Peter could have given the man.

"Peter said to the man, 'In the name of Jesus, get up and walk,'" Pops continued.

"Haw! What happened? Did he walk?" Delbert asked.

"Yes, the man began walking and jumping and praising God," Pops replied.

"Baaa! He was healed!" Lello shouted joyfully.

Delbert asked Pops if Peter healed the man's legs all by himself. Pops explained that it was not by Peter's might nor his power that the man was healed. It was by the Holy Spirit.

"That makes me want to walk and jump and praise God like the healed man did. Come on, Lello. Let's dance back across the field!" Delbert suggested, jumping up and down.

Lello thanked Pops for teaching them more about the Holy Spirit and joined Delbert in dancing and praising God. Pops watched the two friends dance away, then he went back to working on his tractor.