



Tell Me, Please

Philip and the Ethiopian
Acts 8:27-31, 34-35

The afternoon sun shone brightly, casting shadows across the farmhouse porch. Granny B, Pops, Delbert, and Lello all sat on the porch enjoying lemonade and cookies. Lello's new Bible sat next to her. Granny B noticed it was already showing signs of plenty of use.

"Lello, have you been enjoying the Bible your grandmother sent you?" Granny B asked.

"Baa! It's a great gift," Lello said happily. Suddenly her face saddened and she added, "But I was just reading a story that I didn't understand."

Pops smiled and asked, "I bet Granny B and I can help you. Which story?"

Lello flipped open her Bible and found the story. She took a moment to look over it before saying, "Well, it has big words in it like E-THEE-O-PEE-A."

Delbert's eyes widened. "That is a big word, Lello! And guess what?"

"What?" Lello asked curiously.

"I know what it means. Ethiopia is a place in Africa," Delbert explained.

"Good job, Delbert," Pops said proudly.

"Lello," asked Granny B, "did the story you read also have a man named Philip in it?"

"Baa, yes! Do you know that story?" Lello asked amazed.

"I sure do," Granny B said, as she gently picked up Lello's Bible. "The Holy Spirit helped Philip explain a Bible story to the man from Ethiopia."

"Just like the Holy Spirit helped you and Delbert explain the story to me," Lello added excitedly.

Delbert turned to Pops asking, "Did the man from Ethiopia understand the story after Philip talked to him?"

Pops nodded. "The Holy Spirit helps us do lots of things. We can even teach others about stories in the Bible."

"Haw! Can you and Granny B tell us some more Bible stories so we can learn more about the Holy Spirit?" Delbert asked excitedly.

"Baa! And I know we'll have lots of questions. I bet the Holy Spirit will help you explain the stories to us," Lello added.

Pops and Granny B agreed and took turns flipping through Lello's Bible to find stories. Delbert and Lello knew some of them. Others were brand new and they had many questions for Granny B and Pops.

The sun was starting to go down, so Granny B went inside to get dinner ready. Pops offered to read one more story. Lello picked one about a man named Saul. Pops smiled, leaned back in his seat, and began to read the story to Lello and Delbert.