



Jesus is the Son of God

Advent 2—God’s Promise to Mary
Luke 1:26-38

“Granny B!” Delbert and Lello called, running up the stairs. Granny B looked up from her reading and smiled. The two friends were carrying a large box. They set it on the table by Granny B’s chair and waited to see what she would say.

“That looks wonderful!” Granny B said, admiring the manger they had made.

“Baa. Since Christmas is so soon, we wanted to decorate like you and Pops do,” Lello said, gazing around the farmhouse porch. “It looks so beautiful, Granny B!”

“Thank you, Lello. Pops and I have worked hard to prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birthday,” Granny B said. “It looks like you have both worked hard, too!”

“We’ve been working on making a special baby Jesus, but we need to make some more people for our manger scene,” Delbert said, as his mind raced for ideas.

“Well, one very important person in the Christmas story is Mary,” Granny B suggested.

“Baa! Jesus’ mommy! Can you tell us more about her?” Lello asked hopefully.

“Of course,” Granny B said, opening her Bible and finding the story she wanted. “Here it is. In the Bible it says an angel came to Mary.”

Delbert’s eyes grew wide. “Haw! An angel! Whoa! What did the angel do?”

“The angel told Mary she was going to have a baby and the baby would be God’s Son,” Granny B continued.

“Jesus!” Delbert and Lello shouted together.

"That's right," Granny B said, chuckling.

Lello looked around at the Christmas decorations. Then, she studied the manger she and Delbert worked so hard to make. She smiled and said quietly, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given."

Granny B rubbed Lello's ears gently. "Good job, little one."

Delbert looked around and started to get excited. He jumped up and began bouncing up and down.

"Haw! Lello! We should make a Mary for our nativity set," Delbert said excitedly.

"Baa! And an angel," Lello added.

"That will be perfect! I think I have a little bit of lace you could use to decorate Mary and the angel," Granny B said, standing up and walking into the farmhouse. She returned holding a little box filled with supplies to help the two friends make more people for their manger scene. Delbert and Lello thanked Granny B for the box, said their goodbyes, and scampered off so they could get to work.