



Praise the Lord

Advent 4—Shepherds See God's Promised Son
Luke 2:4-7

Granny B gently placed the Mary figure in the manger. Lello pretended the Joseph figure walked toward Mary. Granny B and Lello had been playing with the nativity set while Delbert and Pops talked nearby.

Delbert looked up and watched Granny B and Lello for a moment. "This sure is fun, but can we hear more of the Christmas story now?"

Lello looked up and smiled, "Baa. What happened after baby Jesus was born in the manger?"

"Well, my little ones, after Jesus was born, God sent angels to tell the shepherds," Granny B answered.

Delbert smiled, "Haw! I'll bet the shepherds were surprised to see angels!"

Pops laughed his deep laugh. "Yes, the Bible says they were terrified."

Lello's eyes grew wide and she scooted closer to Granny B. "Baa. I would have been scared, too."

Delbert puffed out his chest and said, "Haw! Not old Delbert here."

Granny B rubbed Lello's ears. "The angels came to tell the shepherds that baby Jesus was born."

"What happened next?" Delbert asked.

"Next it says the angels began to sing God's praises," Pops replied.

Now Lello began to smile. "Baa. I would sing praises to God, too," she said, her voice a little braver.

"Haw! You know I love to praise God," Delbert said.

Granny B looked at Delbert and Lello, then she looked at the manger scene.

"I have an idea. Why don't we make a shepherd and some sheep for your manger scene?" Granny B suggested.

Lello smiled her biggest smile. "I am an expert on sheep," Lello said, her voice loud and strong.

Delbert laughed and said, "You sure are, Lello! Let's get started!"

Pops and Granny B disappeared into the farmhouse to find some supplies to make the new figures. When they returned, everyone got to work creating shepherds and sheep. While they worked, they each took turns leading the others in songs of praise to God.