

Worship Illustration: Storybook

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello

Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation

Unit 2, Lesson 11

Well Done

Barnabas Encourages Saul Acts 9:26-28, 11:22-26

Granny B sat on the farmhouse porch knitting. Any minute, Delbert and Lello would be over for snacks. Granny B had a loaf of banana bread cooling on a plate next to her. The bread smelled so delicious that she was tempted to eat a slice before her friends arrived. Just then she heard familiar voices.

"Hello, little ones," Granny B called, as soon as she spotted Delbert and Lello.

"Haw! Hi, Granny B!" Delbert answered back.

"Baa! Mmm, is that banana bread?" Lello asked, as she walked up the steps.

"It sure is," she replied. Suddenly, Granny B noticed something different about Delbert and Lello. They were covered in stickers! Phrases such as "Good Job!" and "Well Done!" along with gold stars covered them from head to toe.

"Wow! Look at all those stickers! Where did they come from?" Granny B asked, as she sliced the bread.

"My Aunt Dora gave them to us," Delbert replied. "She was proud of all that we've been learning from her stories."

"Baa. I really liked the one she just told us today!" Lello added.

"Who was the story about?" Granny B asked, just as Delbert took a big bite of banana bread.

"It was about a man named Barnabas. He was a true friend to Saul," Lello answered.

Delbert nodded his head with his mouth full of the delicious treat. A few moments later, he swallowed and said, "Haw! He sure was! First, he told everyone they could trust Saul because God had changed his heart."

Granny B smiled. "I'm sure Saul was glad to have such a true friend."

"When Barnabas moved to a new town, he went looking for Saul and brought him to the new town so they could be together," Lello explained. She quietly nibbled at her piece of banana bread.

Granny B stroked Lello behind her ears. "Yes, and together they taught many people about Jesus. They were true friends working together for the Lord."

"Haw! That gives me an idea," Delbert said as he quickly turned to Lello. "Lello, you and I are true friends, aren't we?"

Lello nodded with a happy grin. Delbert said, "Well, maybe you and I can work together for the Lord!"

"That's a wonderful idea," Granny B replied. She gently patted Delbert's back. "You can tell others the Bible stories Aunt Dora has told you. As true friends, you can help each other love the Lord and love others."

Delbert smiled. He jumped up and gave Granny B a great, big hug. "Lello, let's start by going to find my Aunt Dora to tell her 'Well done!' She has done such a great job of telling us stories from the Bible. Aunt Dora loves flowers. Let's pick up some on our way to thank her."

Lello got up and gave Granny B a hug, too. Granny B suggested they walk down by the stream to find flowers. She had seen some beautiful ones there earlier that morning. Before they left, Granny B cut them each one more slice of banana bread and then watched as the two friends trotted down the path to the stream.