

Worship Illustration: Storybook

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello

Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation

Unit 2, Lesson 7

Keep Telling Them

Saul Escapes from Damascus Acts 9:19b-25, 28

Granny B and Pops walked through the garden picking the fresh vegetables. Each carried a basket and carefully filled it with tomatoes, carrots, and beans. Granny B planned on making some soup and Pops volunteered to help her collect fresh vegetables from the garden. The two worked mostly in silence, every now and then commenting on how good the vegetables looked.

They had turned to walk toward the little gate when they saw a basket moving along the fence line. Pops looked at Granny B, and Granny B looked at Pops; both were unsure of what or who was making the basket move. They crept to the gate and peeked around it.

"Haw! Granny B! Pops!" Delbert called when he saw them. The basket sat on top of his head. Granny B and Pops laughed when they saw that Delbert was behind the mysterious moving basket.

"Delbert, why do you have a basket on your head?" Granny B asked.

"Lello and I made up a game," Delbert began to explain.

A loud "Baa!" came from around the corner and Lello jumped out. "We are taking turns being Saul!"

Pops nodded and commented, "Oh, do you mean when Saul escaped in a basket?"

"Haw! That's it, Pops!" replied Delbert. "Last night, my Aunt Dora told me how Saul's new friends helped him escape over the city wall in a giant basket."

Lello looked at Delbert and asked, "Why did Saul have to escape?"

Delbert replied sadly, "Some people didn't want to hear about Jesus. They wanted to stop Saul from telling everyone about Him."

Granny B nodded. "That's right, Delbert," she said. "One night Saul's friends lowered him over the city wall in a basket so he could go and tell others about Jesus."

"Oooh," Lello said. She asked Delbert if she could try sitting in the basket like Saul. As Delbert handed the basket to Lello, he turned to Pops.

"My Aunt Dora said that it's important to keep telling others about Jesus," Delbert said. Pops nodded in agreement. "But why should we keep telling them?" Delbert asked.

"God wants us to. God wants us to share what we know about Jesus with everyone," Pops explained.

"Why?" Lello quietly asked from inside the basket.

"Haw," Delbert began. "So, they can know Jesus and love Him like we do!"

"Baa, I want to tell others about Jesus just like Saul, but ... what do I say?" Lello asked nervously.

Granny B patted her head, "You can start by telling them that Jesus loves them very much."

"Baa! I can do that! And, I can tell them how God changed Saul's heart. Oh, I want to go tell others right now!" Lello exclaimed, as she jumped out of the basket.

Delbert picked up the basket. "We should take a walk around the farm. We can tell everyone we see about Jesus."

Granny B and Pops loved his idea. They promised to meet Delbert and Lello by the stream, but first they had to take the vegetables home and chop them up for Granny B's soup. Delbert and Lello ran off to tell everyone about Jesus. Delbert was also secretly hoping that whomever they met would want to play "Saul in the Basket" with them, too.