



Help Others

Peter and Tabitha
Acts 9:36-42

The sun slowly began to set in the sky. Pops walked out onto the porch to admire the changing light. Granny B soon followed, bringing a hot tea kettle and some mugs. She had a feeling they would have company.

As Pops and Granny B settled into their rocking chairs, they heard two voices coming up the path. Delbert and Lello were walking together and talking loudly. Delbert had a blanket wrapped around him.

"Haw! Granny B! Pops! We hoped to find you," Delbert called when he saw them on the porch.

"Baa! Hello," Lello called.

Granny B and Pops returned the welcome and invited Delbert and Lello onto the porch. Granny B offered them a drink and soon everyone was settled in their seats sipping hot tea.

"Delbert, that's a lovely blanket you have," Granny B remarked.

"Haw! Thanks. We helped Lello's grandma make it. It was so much fun!" Delbert shared.

Lello nodded proudly, "My grandma is the best at making blankets."

Pops reached over and felt the blanket. "It's so soft. I'll bet it's nice and warm. It makes me want to cuddle up and listen to a story."

Delbert's eyes lit up. "I have a story for you!" he nearly shouted. "My Aunt Dora told me a great Bible story about Peter and a lady named Tabitha."

"Baa. Tabitha is a pretty name. Tell the story, Delbert, please," Lello asked.

"Well, the Bible says Tabitha was always doing good and helping poor people, but one day she got sick and died," Delbert began.

"Oh, how sad," Lello whispered.

"People came to Peter asking him to come at once to Tabitha's room, so he did," Delbert continued.

Pops nodded in agreement. "That's right, Delbert. Her friends showed Peter the many robes and clothes she had made for the poor."

"What did Peter do?" Lello asked curiously.

"Peter sent everyone out of the room. Then, he prayed. He looked at Tabitha and said, 'Get up.' Tabitha opened her eyes and sat up," Delbert exclaimed.

"Wow! God healed her! Now, she could help more people," Lello said.

"Yes," Granny B agreed, "God healed Tabitha. When others heard about this miracle, many believed in the Lord."

"Baa, I want to be like Tabitha and help others," Lello sighed.

"Me, too! Me, too!" Delbert chimed in.

Lello thought for a moment. Her eyes moved around the porch and finally settled on the blanket that was still draped across Delbert's back. Her ears pricked up and Lello jumped to her feet.

"I have an idea!" she exclaimed. "We can give this blanket to someone who really needs it to keep warm."

Granny B and Pops smiled at Lello. They were so proud of her for thinking of a way to help others.

"Lello, that's a wonderful idea. We can ride into town tomorrow. I know a family there that could really use this blanket," Pops offered.

"Baa! That sounds great. Can Delbert come, too?" Lello asked.

"Of course!" Pops replied.

Lello and Delbert finished their tea and talked with Granny B and Pops a little while longer. Then, they decided to go find Lello's grandma and see if they could make another blanket before going into town the next day.