



## Praise the Lord

Paul and Silas in Prison  
Acts 16:25-26

Delbert stood on the farmhouse porch and cleared his throat. Granny B and Pops waited patiently for him to begin. He took a deep breath and began to sing.

"Is He with you? Oh, yeah! Is He mighty? Oh, yeah! Is He with you? Oh, yeah! Is He mighty? Oh, yeah!" Delbert sang loudly.

When he finished, Granny B and Pops clapped and cheered. Delbert was about to begin again when he spotted Lello walking by.

"Lello! Come sing with me!" Delbert called excitedly.

Lello looked up at Delbert and sighed, "I do not feel like singing. I'm not happy."

"I'm so sorry to hear that, little one," Granny B said sweetly. "What's wrong?"

Lello slowly walked up the steps and put her head in Granny B's lap. She explained, "Remember how Delbert helped me with my special craft? Well, today I'm having a really hard time. It's not working the way I want it to."

"I'm sorry, but maybe singing and praising God will help," Delbert offered.

Lello shook her head no. "I don't think I can sing when I'm not happy."

"Oh, but Lello, we can always find a reason to praise God. God is good all the time, so we can praise Him anytime!" Delbert replied.

Pops nodded, "That's right. We can praise God everywhere, every day."

"Even when we're sad? Or angry? Or upset?" Lello asked.

"Yes dear, even when we are sad or angry or upset," Granny B replied. "Did you know that when Paul and Silas were in prison they praised God?"

"They did?" Lello asked.

"Yes," Granny B answered. "Then, God did a miracle! The ground shook, the prison doors flew open, and Paul and Silas' chains fell off!"

Delbert flashed a big smile. He had an idea. "You know what, Lello? You can sing and praise God with me for that miracle and because God has given you a helper—me! I will come over and help you with your craft!"

Lello smiled and then began to laugh. "Oh thank you, Delbert. You know, I do feel like singing. Can you teach me your song?"

"Haw! I sure can. Pops and Granny B, would you like to sing, too?" Delbert asked.

"We'd love to!" Pop and Granny B replied.

Delbert led his three friends in song. It took a few tries for everyone to learn the words, but pretty soon they were all singing praises to God.

When they finished, Delbert turned to Lello and said, "Come on, Lello. Let's go work on your craft. I'm sure we can figure it out together!"

"Baa. Yeah! Let's go. Thank you for teaching me that I can praise God everywhere and every day. Bye, Granny B. Bye, Pops," Lello said, as she gave quick nuzzles to her two friends.

"Haw! Thanks for singing with me! See you later!" Delbert called, as he ran down the steps with Lello.

Granny B and Pops called out a goodbye. As they entered the farmhouse, they couldn't help but hum the song Delbert had just taught them.