



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 4, Lesson 17

Come Together as the Church

Paul Visits Ephesus
Acts 19:1, 8-11

Granny B and Pops sat on the front porch enjoying the flowers that were just beginning to bloom around the farmhouse. As Granny B worked on her knitting, Pops read his Bible. It was the start of a peaceful day until they heard two familiar voices coming their way.

"Sounds like Delbert and Lello are coming by for a visit," Pops said with a laugh. Granny B nodded her head in agreement and put down her knitting.

Within seconds, Delbert and Lello bounded up the porch steps and greeted Granny B and Pops with great big hugs.

"Guess what?" Delbert asked. "My Uncle Donny is going to travel far, far away to help start a church!"

"That's great, Delbert," Granny B said. "It's important to teach others about Jesus. Starting a new church is a great way to do that."

Lello nodded and said, "Baa, I like to teach others about Jesus, too."

Pops laughed and rubbed Lello's ears. "I know you do, Lello. Delbert, your Uncle Donny reminds me of Paul. I was just reading about him."

"Haw! He does?" Delbert asked.

Pops nodded. "Paul traveled to many places to teach people about Jesus. I just read about when Paul traveled to Ephesus."

Lello asked, "What did Paul do there?"

"Paul helped the people there come together as a church, just like Delbert's Uncle Donny is going to do," Granny B answered.

Delbert jumped up and down. "Haw! Wow! That's so great!" he shouted excitedly. Then, Delbert stopped jumping. He looked very serious. "I wish I could travel and help start a church."

Granny B smiled at Delbert and said, "Delbert, you can help churches even if you don't travel to where they are."

Delbert's eyes grew wide and his ears perked up. "How can I help?"

Pops explained, "When churches are first getting started they need lots of supplies."

"Baa, like books and toys for the kids?" Lello asked.

"That's right Lello," Pops replied. "We can't always travel like Paul did, but we can help by sending supplies."

Delbert began jumping up and down again. He had a great idea. "Lello, let's go find out what my Uncle Donny needs to take with him. We can go around the farm and gather supplies!"

Lello began jumping up and down with Delbert. "Baa! That sounds like fun. Pops and Granny B, would you like to help us?"

"We'd love to. Come back here when you know what Delbert's uncle needs and we will help gather supplies with you," Granny B said happily.

Delbert and Lello said goodbye and ran off in search of Delbert's uncle. They couldn't wait to help a new church, just like Paul!