



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 4, Lesson 18

Let Me Speak

Paul Speaks to the Crowd
Acts 21:33-36, 39-40; 22:1-11

Granny B and Pops walked toward the barn with their arms filled with boxes. They had collected blankets and books to bring to Delbert and Lello. Delbert poked his head out of the barn and let out a loud “hee-haw!”

“Pops! Granny B! Haw! Did you bring all that stuff for our collection?” Delbert asked excitedly.

Pops laughed deeply, “We sure did, Delbert. Where should we put the boxes?”

Delbert pointed inside the barn. As they walked in, Lello looked up and gave them a huge smile. She was surrounded by boxes filled with supplies. Some had crayons, paper, and scissors. Some had blankets and stuffed animals. Others had books. Granny B helped Lello put the new items in the right boxes.

Pops turned to Delbert, “It looks like your collecting is going well.”

“Haw! It sure is! I’m so excited to show Uncle Donny the supplies he can bring with him to the church he is going to help start,” Delbert answered.

Lello looked at Granny B and asked, “Would you please tell us another story about Paul?”

Granny B nodded and searched through the box of books. She pulled out a Bible and opened it. “How about the story of Paul traveling to Jerusalem?”

Delbert and Lello both nodded yes and quickly sat down next to Granny B. Delbert asked, “Were the people there excited to learn about Jesus?”

“Some people were, but others were not very nice to Paul,” Granny B answered.

"Oh dear," Lello said sadly. "What happened? Did Paul run and hide?"

Pops sat down next to Lello. "Lello, even though the people were being mean to Paul, he still loved them. In fact, he loved them so much that he told them a special story about God."

Delbert perked up. "Haw! Like the story of Noah's ark? I love that story!"

"Bah. Or, maybe the story of David and Goliath?" Lello offered.

Granny B smiled warmly. "Those are great stories my little ones, but Paul told the people a story about something that happened to him. Can you think of a story about you and God?"

Delbert and Lello sat silently for a moment as they thought. Lello smiled. "Baa. I know. We prayed to God that He would heal Beaker's wing."

"Haw! That's right. God heard our prayers and healed Beaker," Delbert added.

"That is a wonderful example," Pops said proudly. "God is working in our lives today, just like He does in our Bible stories."

Delbert looked at Lello. Granny B could tell he was getting an idea.

"Lello, we should go tell our friends stories about God, and what He has done!" Delbert suggested, jumping up.

"Baa! We have lots of stories we can tell," Lello replied.

Delbert and Lello thanked Granny B and Pops for the supplies they brought. Then, with quick hugs good-bye, they ran out of the barn in search of some of their friends. Granny B and Pops watched them go and then walked back to the farmhouse hand in hand.