



They Will Listen

Paul Imprisoned in Rome
Acts 28:16, 30-31

Delbert and Lello ran to the farmhouse. Granny B had promised to bake cookies and they wanted to be there when she took them out of the oven.

"Haw! I sure do love warm chocolate chip cookies," Delbert said, licking his lips. Lello nodded in agreement. Just ahead they saw the farmhouse and began running even faster. Delbert and Lello bounded up the stairs, almost running into Pops who was standing at the top.

"You two sure are in a hurry," Pops said.

"Granny B said she was baking cookies. Are they done yet?" Delbert asked anxiously.

"She just went in to take them out of the oven. You have an excellent cookie detector, Delbert," Pops laughed, gently patting Delbert's large nose.

Delbert and Lello sat down on the porch and tried to wait patiently for Granny B. It wasn't long before she came outside carrying a tray with a plate of cookies and four glasses of cold milk. She passed out the goodies and sat down next to Pops.

Between bites Delbert said, "Haw! My Uncle Donny is leaving this week to travel far away."

"That's right. He's going to help start a church, isn't he?" Granny B asked.

"That's right, just like Paul," Delbert said proudly with crumbs stuck to his chin.

"Baa. I have enjoyed learning about Paul, how he traveled and prayed and taught people about Jesus," Lello said between sips of milk.

"Yeah. But, I sure do wish I could travel like Paul and Uncle Donny," Delbert said longingly.

"You know, Delbert, Paul didn't always travel around when he taught about Jesus," Granny B remarked.

"That's right," Pops agreed. "There was a time when Paul couldn't travel, but he still taught people about Jesus."

"Haw! Do you mean we can tell people around us about Jesus?" Delbert asked.

"Yes. Wherever you are, you can tell people about Jesus," Granny B nodded.

Lello smiled excitedly. She had been wishing she could be like Paul, and now she knew she could!

"If we're at home or at school, we can tell others about Jesus," Lello said happily.

"Or at the beach or on a hike, we can tell others about Jesus!" Delbert added.

Granny B and Pops smiled at their two little friends. Together they explained that Delbert and Lello could be just like Paul everywhere, every day. There would always be people around to listen, no matter where they went.

"Maybe one day, you'll be able to travel like Paul did," Granny B said warmly, as she hugged Delbert and Lello.

"Haw! I'm so excited. I want to start telling people right now! Come on, Lello, let's travel around the farm and pretend we are Paul. We can teach everyone we meet about Jesus!" Delbert said, jumping up.

After a quick goodbye and one more cookie, Delbert and Lello ran down the steps in search of people to tell about Jesus. Granny B and Pops waved as they leaned back in their chairs, enjoying the beautiful day.