



## God forgave you

A Letter About the Forgiveness of Sins  
1 John 4:8-9

Granny B packed some freshly baked cookies in a basket and headed out the front door. She thought Delbert and Lello might be in need of a snack, and Granny B knew just where to find them.

As she neared the mailbox, Granny B was surprised to see that neither Delbert nor Lello were waiting for Posty to deliver the mail. Confused, but patient, Granny B set the basket down and waited. A few minutes later both Delbert and Lello ran up carrying envelopes.

"Hello, little ones," Granny B called.

"Haw! Granny B. We haven't missed Posty have we?" Delbert asked.

"No, but I was wondering where you two were," Granny B replied, smiling.

"Baa. We were just finishing our letters to Delbert's Uncle Donny," Lello said.

Suddenly there was a flapping of wings and the three friends looked up just in time to see Posty swoop down and land right on the mailbox.

"You've got mail! I deliver without fail!" Posty squawked loudly.

"Haw! I can't wait. May I read it, please?" Delbert asked excitedly.

Granny B opened the letter and held it out for Delbert to read. Delbert cleared his throat and then began to read Uncle Donny's letter.

**Dear Delbert,  
I miss you so much. Here is another letter from the Bible. Please share it  
with your friends on the farm.  
Love,  
Uncle Donny**

Lello looked at the letter and then, hopefully, at Delbert. He smiled and asked if she wanted to help him read the rest of the letter. Lello nodded and began:

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,  
Imagine if we say that we've never sinned ...*

"What does sin mean?" Delbert asked.

Posty squawked loudly and said, "To sin is unwise. It's wrong in God's eyes."

Granny B nodded. "That's right, Posty. Lello, is there more to the letter?"

Lello nodded and continued:

*If we say that we don't sin, then we are fooling ourselves. But if we  
admit that we have sinned, Jesus will forgive us.*

Lello thought for a moment and then quietly asked, "Forgive?"

Granny B heard her and explained, "To forgive is to not count someone's wrongdoing against them. When you are forgiven, you can start over with a new chance to do what is right."

"Baa. Oh, that is good news," Lello replied.

Granny B picked up her basket of cookies and was about to offer everyone a snack when Delbert jumped up.

"Haw! There's more to the letter! Listen to this last part," Delbert said excitedly.

*Jesus will forgive every wrong thing we have done.  
Love,  
John*

Posty began flapping his wings and said, "Forgive every little thing? Are you pulling my wing?"

Granny B laughed. "No, Posty! It's true! If we admit our sin, Jesus will forgive us. Isn't it wonderful when you know God has forgiven you?"

"Baa, it sure is," Lello replied joyfully.

Delbert nodded in agreement and then spotted the cookies. "You know what else is wonderful? Granny B's cookies!"

Granny B laughed again and served cookies to Delbert, Lello, and Posty. After Posty had finished eating, Delbert and Lello handed him the letters they wrote to be delivered to Uncle Donny.

"So long and goodbye! It's time to fly!" Posty called and took off into the sky with the letters.

Granny B, Delbert, and Lello waved goodbye and reached for another cookie.